# Hostages fly off to freedom after Mr Reagan is sworn in

The 52 American hostages were flown out of Iran yesterday, half an hour after Mr Ronald Reagan had been sworn in as President of the United States. Shortly after-

Algerian plane

leaves amid

Tehran, Jan 20

The hostages crisis is over. The 52 Americans flew from

The 52 Americans flew from Tehran to freedom touight on board an Algerian aircraft. The relief and emotion of seeing the aircraft lifting into the aircraft lifting into the aircraft lifting the crisis that astonished the world for all its 444 days—is indescribable.

I watched the jet carrying the hostages lift off from Tehran in mid-evening from the

only vantage point available—the top of a 10-storey block of

flats across from the airport.

Revolutionary guards and airport.
Revolutionary guards and airport police had barred journalists from getting anywhere near the runway or airport buildings as the final minutes of this long drama were played dut.

From the runway research to the state of the state

From my vantage point I saw three aircraft depart. First to leave were the Algerian officials, who had acted as

otticials, who had acted as intermediaries between Tebran and Washington over the long weeks of hard and harassed nesotiations.

Then the first of the two Algerian Boeing 727s tore along the runway carrying the hostages themselves according to the official Park news agency.

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The departure of the last aircraft, another 727 reportedly carrying six Algerian doctors, was delayed by the arrival of an Iranian Air Force plane.

No journalists were allowed to see the hostages before their

departure and the only westerners who saw them were

Ms Erik Lang, the Swiss Ambassador to Iran, and another official from the Swiss

Embassy.

The Swiss Embassy has handled American imerests in Iran since the hostage crisis

Where the hostages had been kept before they boarded their 727 at 7.40 pm local time, re-

mained a mystery, although one reliable source said they had

night after yesterday's failure

board, revolutionary guards and

others around the trio of jets shouted "God is great", "Down with America", "Down with Reagan", according to the Iranian news agency. Also sur-

From David Cross
Washington, Jan 20.
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The United States and Iran hostage crisis, spent another today cleared what appeared to be the final hurdle in their negotiations for the return of the 52 American hostages, but advisers in Washington, London advisers in Washington, London

not in time to give Mr Jimmy and Algiers worked feverishly Carter the satisfaction of to resolve last-minute snags. savouring their release during the final hours of his president savouring the final hours of his president savouring the samount of the samount o

the final hours of his presidency.

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tight security

cials also boarded the aircraft and talked to the hostages. The

and tasked to the hostages. The jet carrying the hostages toook off 45 minutes after the hostages had gone on board.

The first most journalists knew about the departure was when they heard the roar of the first jet taking off. The journalists had been blocked at a junction in the sirport guarded

junction in the airport, guarded by heavily-armed security forces. Only official Iranian journalists were allowed near

After many efforts to end the crisis had fallen flat in the face

of deep hostility, suspicion and the ceaseless turnoil of post-revolutionary politics, it was hard to believe that I was watching the hostages taking

Despite having a taste of Iranian prisons myself, it was hard to imagine just how much

the Algerian jets.

wards it was announced that Two hospital aircraft left West misunderstood. Our reluctance for ex-President Carter would go to Wiesbaden to greet the freed hostages. They stopped briefly at Athens on their way to Algiers.

Germany for Algiers to collect conflict should not be misunderthem. In his inaugural address stood as a failure of will." He also President Reagan gave a warning

devoted much of his speech to "Our forbearance should never be America's economic difficulties.



Bespectacled Joseph Subic, aged 23, from Michigan, preparing to board the hostages' plane at Tehran airport.

## 'It is time to reawaken this industrial giant ... to lighten our tax burden'

# Quick action pledge on US economy

hard to imagine just how much emotion the hostages felt.

Having heard some descriptions of the hostages' condition—one person who saw them at Christmas likened them to "trained animals"—I could imagine, however, that the process of their rehabilitation to normal life might be painful.

An Iranian television film tonight showed that the hostages were brought off their bus one by one and—protected by revolutionary guards on either side—they walked the 20 yards to the aircraft. Not until one hostage was on board, was another From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 20
Mr. Ronald Reagan was sworn
in as President of the United
States at noon today. Half an
hour later, the Algerian aircraft. carrying the American hostages took off from Tehran, removing the problem that has bedevilled age was on board, was another allowed to leave the bus.

All through this the crowd American foreign policy for the past year and freeing President of guards, police, and officials gathered round chanting their Reagan's hands to cope with the other immense burdens he

slogans, including a voceriferous readition of "khomeini is our leader". Tehran radio later conhas inherited.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Reagan said: "Our forbestance should be very be misunder tood. Our felucione for conflict should not be misjudged as a faithre of will. When action is required to preserve our national security, we will act.

No weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of feader Tenran radio later con-firmed that among those around the directals were sold on the students win first took over the American Embassy spy The final day of the crisis had begun on a far more pessimistic note than it ended, with an Iranian warning that the United the will and moral courage of free men and women", he said. States had been given an un-specified deadline in which to

transfer Iran's frozen assets to a special Algerian account in shouted "God is great", belation that the Iranians had been handed an appendix of the Iranian news agency. Also surrounding the aircraft were Algerian embassy staff "as if ment derived the Iranian Govern-Algerian embassy staff "as if ment derived the Iranian Govern-Affices and the Iranian Govern-Affices are the Iranian Govern-Affices are the Iranian Govern-Affices are the Iranian had been handed an appendix of the States of the Iranian had been handed an appendix of the States of the Iranian had been handed an appendix of the States of the Iranian had been handed an appendix of

of the Capitol.

The problem was finally rupted continually and itritate.

Mr Carter, who has spent the resolved at 3.15 am today and ingly by speculation, rumour, final days of his four years as the United States Treasury set and false reports

"it is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have. It, is a weapon that we as This followed last night's record by those who velation that the Iranians had practise terrorism and prey been handed an appendix of the upon their neighbours." Mr Reagan promised loyal cooperation with neighbours and allies. "We will strengthen our historic ties with those who share our ideal of freedom", he said, "and assure them of

gether with the necessary signing documents was concluded

But as the morning advanced

and Mr Carter prepared to transfer his powers to Mr Reagan, there was an agonizing delay. The gavel-to-gavel tele-

rision coverage of the inauguration ceremonies on all three commercial networks was inter-rupted continually and irritat How London lawyers overcame the final hitch and unfreed Iran's assets 7

 Retaliation by Washington caused hardship for enemies of the ayatollah 7 ♠ Embassy seizure used as. weapon to destroy the Iranian middle class, 8.

Arabs fear the effect on Gulf security

Mr Reagan vows to revive American industry and reduce personal tax

Leading article

We will not use our friendship to impose on their soldreignty, Mr Reagan devoted much of his speech to describing the economic difficulties that now beset the country and promising to start the long business of reducing inflation, balancing

our support and firm commit-ment. We will match loyalry "I will propose receiving a with loyalty. We will strive for number of the roadblocks that

the budget and reducing taxa-

mutually beneficial relations, have slowed our economy and reduced productivity. Steps will be taken aimed at restoring the

levels of government.

- Process will be slow, maximum, in inches and feet, not make but we will progress. It is thing to reawaken this industrial giant, to get government, back within its means, and to fighten our punitive tax burden. These will be our first principles, and on these

priorities, and on these principles, there will be no constructive."

the imminent release stages, Mr Carter was his wish to fly to be greet the 52 Americans as President of ad States.

In his inaugural speaks, the former was availed even an oblighte mention of their hostifies.

The first official Americal confirmation that the bostages were on their way house came at 12.40 pm when Mr Richard Allen, the new National Series in the aircraft had just taken off from Tehran.

The first live eyewiness report on American television of the departure of the aircraft from Tehran came from Mr Tony Allaway. The Times correspondent in Iran.

Notwithstanding his obvious

The first many tought to greet the 52 American that the bostages person at President of the same order of precedence was observed at the ceremony. The same order of precedence was observed at the ceremony. First tame Mr Mondale, then Mr Carter and leaves the former President of the greet was observed at the ceremony. First tame Mr Mondale, then Mr Carter and leaves the former President of the greet and leaves for Wiesbaden, last of all, Mr Reagan. The new Vice-President than took the former page, said today.

As he finished reading the words laid down by the Constitution, which every President to be going. Mr and a 21-gun salute was fired, the rest of the cound the monuments, museums and ministries of the Captiol.

Notwithstanding his obvious

side the west front of the Capi-tol, facing down the Mal-towards the monuments and the White House. It has usually been held on the other side

It was a very warm and balmy day. When the new President said "as we renew ourselves here in our ewir land, we will be seen as having greater strength throughout the world "the san cathe our top attending the interesting actor and tarkets Green of California.

He is often described as the forcisth President if President Grever Cleveland is counted twice for serving two separated

twice for serving two separated terms. He is the oldest man ever elected President: his seventieth birthday falls next month, and come the summer.

The ceremony is a simple one.

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Mr Reagan had been staying at Blair House, a government guest house across the road from the White House, and first thing this morning he went to church.

Then following tradition he went with his wife to the White House, where President Carter and the Vice-president and the Vice-president and the Vice-president and the Vice-president learn to the Vice-president with an hour together before setting out for the Capitol. Vice-resident Walter Mondale and Vice-President carter and President Carter President Carter Presiden

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#### Total Alexander **Labour Party** runs up a £500,000 deficit

The Labour Party has run up a deficit of £500,000 because some trade unions have failed to keep their promise to pay their affiliation fees on time. Party leaders are being advised to halt recruitment of non-clerical staff at party headquarters. A loan of £250,000 from the unions before Christ-mas has been spent on paying wages to the staff Page 2

#### Arsonist killed 26

A Hull man aged 20, who pleaded guilty at Leeds Crown Court to the manslaughter of 26 people involving 10 fires, was ordered to be detained without limit of time in a special hospital in Liverpool. George Peter Lee, who called himself 3ruce Lee, pleaded not guilty to 11 harrog of many.

#### Black papers closed

he two main black newspapers have been orced to close down by the South African Sovernment. The registration of the rapers had lapsed as a result of a strike by their black editorial staff. This is the by their black contorial start, this is the second time in three years that the Government has silenced the voice of black opinion. The papers' predecessors were banned in 1977

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Mr Carter to head welcome reception in West

President engaged in almost in motion the complex move-continuous negotiations on the hostage crisis, spent another banks in the United States to a special holding account for the House last night as his financial and foreign policy England. This transaction, to-

by dawn.

Masterpiece for sele: Detail from The Holy Family with St. John, Sr. Elizabeth the six putti a Poussin danterpiers from the chaisworth collection, make the Duke of Devonshire plans to sell to meet running costs of the estate. The painting is valued at between 11m and 12m. 1 at 2.

#### A Michelangelo found

A black chalk drawing by Michelangelo, which was unknown to scholars, has been found in Switzerland. It has been identified as Christ and the Woman of Samaria, dating from about 1563. It was in a collection of drawings that had escaped scholarly attention. Page 16 Air fares: British Airways has applied for permission to raise domestic rates by 13 per cent from April 1 Classified advertisements : Appointments, page 26; La creme de la creme. 10; Personal, 26, 28; Residential property, 23

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## Settler killed by sniper in Londonderry attack

IRA adminted the morder at a man whose hooded body was found yesterday in a country street least night by the Provisional IRA as he was closing a security gate in the City Walls between the oldest part of Londonderry and the Bogside.

A super fired 10 shots. Another soldier was taken to hospital with serious injuries. In Dungamon, to Tyrone, three men are expected to appear in court today charged with the attempted morder of Mrs Bernaders McAliskey and

with the attempted munder of Extradition refused: A district Mrs Bernadette McAliskey and her husband Michael.

Mrs McAliskey, the former the extradition of Mr Patrick Mp Bernadette Devlin, and her Magee wanted by Scotland husband are still seriously ill Yard for questioning about Pro-

is hospital after being shot visional IRA bombing in Soveral times at their home near England. It ruled that there

Coalisland, to Tyrone, on was not sufficient evidence to grant extradition. AP and Reuter.

#### Jeweller shot dead in raid Mr Arthur Shindler a jewel-

Mr Arthur Shindler a jeweller, was shot dead vesterday
after at least three armed men,
posing as telephone engineers,
called at his shop in white
chaper High Street, east Lonitem an accident minutes later.

## Mr Shindler, who was in his

after at least three armed men, the Post Office, about a faulty posing as telephone engineers, telephone. Called at his shop in White After the shooting the men chapet flight Street, east Lonfled in a hired car, which was involved in an accident minutes later.

His body was found near the utes later. The police are concentrating lieved he was killed because ha their inquiries on interviewing refused to open the safe.

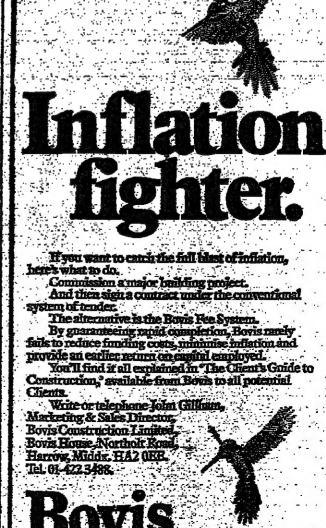
## Commando disbanded but Trident spared in £100m defence cuts

Mr John Nott, appointed in relation to his department. during the Christmas recess to succeed Mr Erancis Pyan as Secretary of State for Defence, ment's cash limits should not resterday announced details of the £200m reduction in planned defence expenditure required by the Chancellor of the Exchequer as the department's share of essential clus in government spending. In doing so he allayed many of the worst fears on the Comment of the Defence Department was appointed as a creature of the Treasury to do a hatcher job on future defence budgets. With Mrs Thatcher sitting close behind him, he told the Common firmly that he would be in tharge of the Defence Department and not the Treasury although he was sure that the wo ministries would work closely together.

In reply to anxious questioning from MPs, Mr Nott gave an assurance that from now of laving accepted the case of the Lose of the defence budget they within their of anxious questioning from MPs, Mr Nott gave an assurance that from now of laving accepted the case of the case of the phasing out of some addering the registed base. He pointed out that even with the reduction defence spending had increased in real terms by 8 per cent increase defence expendings in Continued on page 2, col 6

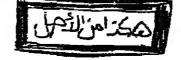
## Lonrho loses vote in Fraser power tussle

As a special shareholders meeting in Glasgow broke up. Sir. Hugh Fraser, the store group's chairman went into a board meeting with his directors one of their Mr Rhand Tay Rowsell Lourbo's chief executive said. Nothing has changed This is only the second round. It is act the end, it is the beginning.



Boyis Construction Launited

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HOME NEWS

## Labour Party £500,000 in deficit as some unions fail to pay their affiliation fees on time

The Labour Party is undergoing a new financial crisis and its leaders are being advised to impose a freeze on recruitment of staff at the party's Walworth Road headquarters in London. That unprecedented measure is but left-wing union leaders pending as trade union in-fighting over next Saturday's special party conference reaches its peak.

A deficit of £500,000 has been run up in the past few months as most of the trade unions who pledged to pay their massive affiliation fees for 1981 on time have failed to live up to their

promises.
The party's staff negotiations committee, dominated by Mr Norman Atkinson, MP, the treasurer, will next week recom-mend to the national executive that all recruitment should be halted and posts should not be filled when they become vacant. Only clerical staffing would be

A loan of £250,000 made A loan of £250,000 made available by the unions shortly before Christmas at a preferential interest rate has been spent on paying staff wages, and the party is now being obliged to go back to the Co-operative Bank to borrow at an interest rate of 19 per cent.

Trade union leaders whose missing affiliation fees have

missing affiliation fees have contributed to the crisis will meet on Friday night to determine the outcome of block vot-ing on an electoral college to rhe left.

choose the party leader. The proposal most favoured appears to be the moderates package

ency parties.

But left-wing union leaders are still determined to push for a formula giving a third of the votes to each of those powerful groups. The Transport and General Workers' Union is to cast its 1,250,000 block vote for thar line-up, although its leaders may shift marginally in the horse-trading expected at the

Wembley conference.

A counter-meeting of right-wing unions, involving the Association of Professional Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, the electricians and the engineering workers, aimed at producing a trade union formula to scupper the whole electoral college exercise, is being arranged. It will be held in a Bloomsbury hotel in the

next few days,

Their efforts were given a
stimulus yesterday by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering
Workers, whose executive
council decided to vote only for
its own policy of giving an outits own policy of giving an out-right majority in any electoral college to Labour MPs. The union's 850,000 block vote is to be withheld from voting on any other formula, even though that

The union's delegates to the ginal militant majority on some political issues, are to meet on Friday night to decide their final position. By then a right-wing option putting the whole business off to the full party conference in Brighton in October may be available.

But the one issue that will not so away is the party's virtual bankruptcy. There are difficulties over £80,000 of unpaid rates due to Southwark council, and an appeal against

council, and an appeal against that assessment is due to be lodged soon.
The unions whose affiliation

fees should have been paid already are arguing that the economic recession has affected their membership levels and finances. Their political funds are at a low level, and a Con-servative Party campaign in the north of England has been cited as the cause of a fall in members paying the political

To recoup the party's for-tunes, Labour leaders are plan-ning to run a national lottery on May Day. A first prize of £100,000 has been suggested, but that is regarded by seasoned party workers as hope-lessly optimistic.

Labour's long-term are in even greater jeopardy because the unions have refused to endorse a proposal that they should lift affiliation fees from the new level of 40p to 50p a head from January, 1982.



"The Holy Family with St John, St Elizabeth and six putti " which is to be sold to meet Chatsworth running costs.

## Chatsworth to be sold

By Frances Gibb
The Duke of Devonshire has been forced to sell one of the masterpieces from his famous

estate. It is the first important work to be sold by the present

duke.

The duke confirmed last night that the trustees of the Chatsworth settlement had considered a sale to "preserve Chatsworth for posterity". He said he could not comment further until the official approuncement. announcement.

Important works by Poussin, the founding father of classical landscape (1594-1565), rarely appear on the market. This one, dating from about 1650, is considered a first-class example of the artist's mature work.

The duke has offered the painting first to museums and

painting first to museums and galleries in the hope that a been in the Devonshire collec-tion since 1761, is being sold to arranged and the work can be meet running costs on the acquired for the nation.

But galleries will be hard put to raise the kind of sum the painting is considered worth, and it is likely that it may have to be sold at auction.

The work is now at Christie's. who are expected to make an announcement on Friday.

The painting was shown recently at the Royal Academy as part of the "Treasures from Charsworth" exhibition, which previously toured six American museums, so potential American buyers have had a chance to

Professor Authory Blunt, a leading authority on the artist and author of the Academy catologue, said yesterday that he was very sorry it was to be

"It is an extremely important to be interested

work. It is not the most popular kind of Poussin, because it does not have the same romantic appeal as, for instance, 'The Shepherds in Arcadia', but it is one of the very remarkable masterpieces of his later classical period."

One of the highlights of the Chatsworth collection, it was a work which British galleries would wish to acquire. "But I doubt whether English museums would be able to afford it. There would certainly be a lot American interest.'

The only galleries that could even attempt to buy it are the National Gallery, which already has a good collection of Pous-sins, and the Manchester City Art Gallery. The latter is known

Tank escapes cuts

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the Trident missile as the suc-cessor to Polaris. That decision, he said, had been taken, announced and would remain. It was the most cost-effective way to provide for our strategic nuclear deterrent.

Savings would be made by selling or scrapping some of the older ships of the Royal Navy and HMS Bulwark would he disposed of about six months earlier than planned. Duffing the next year the Vulcan force and the Shackleton airborne early warning aircraft would be run down ahead of schedule. The Vulcan squadrons would be reduced from seven to six

who to graphic reconnaissance of Lightning fighters. quadrons,

Mr Nott said the forward number of Shackleton arcraft and to drop one of the seven varship construction programme would be slowed while ogistic support road vehicles, letstream and Hawk aircraft orders would be deferred. The the Nimrest and logistic until the Nimrest and logistic variations with the Nimrest and logistic variations of the Nimrest and logistic variations with the seven plants of the seven plants with the seven plant warship construction programme would be slowed while logistic support road vehicles, Jetstream and Hawk aircraft orders would be deferred. The Sky Flash Mark 1 missile would continue, but instead of the Sky Flash Mark 2 there would be a programme to develop a new technology for short-range

air-to-air missiles. To save overheads, No 41 Commando would be merged with the other Commandos, but all strength of the Royal Marines. Other savings would come from disbanding the

Naval Communications Squad-ron at Lee-on-the-Solent while the extra Lightning squadron would not be formed as planned.
A squadron would be found out
of training units which could

rapidly be made operational.

Mr Norr emphasized the importance placed by the Government on maintaining the front-line capability of Britain's

defence forces Tornado unaffected: The big procurement programmes, in-cluding those for Trident, the Challenger tank and the Tornado aircraft emerge unscathed to nobody's great surprise (our Defence Corres-

pondent writes). during the coming year. There: Among the real surprises is would also be an accelerated the abandonment of last year's rundown of the Cauberra plan to form an extra squadron photographic reconnaissance of Lightning fighters. Among the real surprises is

have borne the brunt of the spending cuts and particularly the Navy, which is unhappy about the effects on its cap-

Mr Nott would not be drawn A decision on both is long overdue. Parliamentary report, page 9

Murdoch. However, Mr Michael Cu lipp, a spokesman for Thomse

tion reports).

British Holdings, said: "Ever body, including Mr Evans, a bit ahead of themselves. W are still negotiating with mor than one person and no de has been made.

Call to refer

'Times' bid

to mergers

commission

Political Editor

Appealing to the Prin Minister to protect what called "some of the gre newspapers of this country Mr Michael Foot, the Lead of the Opposition, yesterd sought in vain Mrs Margar Thatcher's undertaking to ref any bid for Times Newspape by Mr Rupert Murdoch to t Monopolies and Mergers Comission.

He also pressed Mrs Thatche

during Commons question in to undertake to have the co

mission produce its report wi extreme urgency in view of t International Thomson Orga

sation's decision to cease pulishing the papers in March.

Mrs Thatcher would not co mit herself. She said that a

did not think it advisable state what the Governme would do before any application to transfer ownership here received, and none here are received. Mr John Biffe Secretary of State for Trail

Secretary of State for Trai-upon receiving such an appli-tion, would have to consid the newspaper merger pr visions of the Fair Trading A

When pressed, Mrs Thatch would only say: "We sh apply the law as it is, a apply it precisely."

Mr Foot spoke of the "stro rumours" that The Times a

The Sunday Times might acquired by Mr Murdoch. Wh

Lord Thomson of Fleet acquir

The Times alone that had be

referred to the commission a pledges of independence h

Reference to the commission under the 1973 Act is not au matic, although Mr Foot's supporters say they believe incoresentation will have give the Government little choice.

The criteria explained by t Department of Trade indica

that an exception would he to be made if any bid by I Murdoch was not to be refer

to the commission. The man

is in the discretion of r Eiffen, who is not due ba from India until next Friday, One point is clear. Any h by Mr Murdoch, who owns II

Sun and the News of the Worl would require Mr Biffen's co

sent. And, since the combin average circulation of the merged newspapers would e

ceed 500,000, under the Act the consent would normally be given only after reference

the commission.
The exceptions arise on

question of urgency and ec-nomic viability. If Mr Biffe was satisfied that the new

papers in the transfer were no

economic as going concerns an that the case was urgent t could give his consent withou

reference to the commission. Talks progress: Mr Gorde

Brunton, chief executive Thomson British Holdings, sa

last night that talks were gon on with various people and t hoped the negotiations woul be completed by the end the month (the Press Associ

Mr Harold Evans, the edit of The Sunday Times, said to

Monday that his "inspiredrather inside—guess" was the

taken to sell the papers to b

to be given.

mission.

"Mr Evans is just guessin; There will be a proper preconference when we have con pleted our talks. There is chance that it will be th

week."
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## **BBC** strike by actors threatened

By Kenneth Gosling

Equity, the actors' union, said yesterday that it would call on its BBC members to strike un-less the corporation increased a pay offer.

The union has called a mass

meeting of members for February 1 at the Shaftesbury Theatre, in London. Mr Peter Plouviez, general secretary, said: "We believe we are now in the most serious position we have yet been in, not only in these negotiations but throughout our dealings with the BBC in relation to television."

The BBC said last night that the offer, of 12.5 per cent, was a fair one

a fair one
When negotiations began
last November Equity asked for

ast November Equity asked for 30 per cent and it recently rejected 8 per cent; yesterday its council mer to consider and then reject the latest offer, which would raise the minimum from £125 a week to £141. Mr Plouviez said a dispute was now possible over as little as £180,000 That would not narrow the gap with independent television but we would be willing to

maintain the present disparity for a year in view of the financial position of the corporation and the country, he said. Mr Plouviez said that many familiar faces on television, were working for £250 to £300 a week for not much more than 25 or 30 weeks a year.

Father wins

music lessons

A father has won the right to challenge the legal right of

a council to stop paying for music lessons for his two daughters. Mr Eric William Jones, of Stanton Fields, Bis-hampton, Pershore, Hereford

and Worcestershire, was granted permission by Mr. Justice Woolf in London yesterday to apply for a judicial review.

He is complaining of the failure of Hereford and Worcester local education authority

to continue to provide free clarinet tuition for his daughter

Helen at Pershore High School and violin tuition for his daughter Ruth at St Nicholas Church of England School-

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plea over

## Dispute cuts sailings at Poussin eight British ports

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The merchant pavy dispute intensified sharply yesterday, with ferry and freight services halted or curtailed at eight British ports as the National Union of Seamen extended its strategy of unannounced strikes: The General Council of British Shipping said that the dispute was becoming increasingly grave; the number of ships delayed because of the dispute had allow from 50 dispute had risen from 60 on Monday to 104, of which 28

Monday to 104, of which 28 were in foreign ports. That is the biggest increase since the dispute began before Christmas.

The council indicated that member companies were operating its guidelines by begining to hold back some of the pay of seamen who were delaying ships, but it did int give details.

The state-owned medical and lrish services were badly disrupted yesterday, formally

and Arisa services were bady both in port at Le Mayre.

disrupted yesterday, formally The National Union of Seaasked local union representatives to give the management Venturer, operating from
notice whenever they intend to Southampton to Cherhourg, take action disrupting passenger, and the Manx Viking, operating services.

request will resume this morn-

ing.
The Sealink move came after the company was forced to provide overnight accommo-

reserved for those moving to lobs in new areas.

The National Mobility Scheme aims to assist people moving away from centres of memoloyment. The project we drawn up by Mr John Stanlet, Minister for Housing and Construction, with the assistance of committees representing local authorities.

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ties.
The Department of the

Environment said that about twenty counties have agreed

between districts in the same

arrangements

dation, partly on board ship and partly in local hotels, late on Monday night when the Portsmouth to the Channel Islands service was cancelled. The unions' central disputes committee is expected to con-sider further intensification of the disputes at a meeting on the disputes at a meeting on Friday. Before that, services from Strangaer are expected to be disrupted, with probable ad-ditional stoppages in Cairnryan, Dover and Felixstowe.

Other services were disrupted by strikes lasting between six and 36 hours, affecting vessels operating out of Southampton, Folkestone, Portsmouth, Fishguard, Holyhead, Liverpool and Heysham. Sealink services using Belgian and French crews were operating normally. were operating normally.
Townsend Thoresen said that

there were strikes on board the ferry. Viking Vallant and the freight ship Viking Trader, both in port at Le Havre.

The National Union of Sea-

The company is understood. Isle of Man, had also been to be considering stopping the pay of ferry employees during the disruptive action unless they accede to the request. Negotia-

tions at port level, on the and Arbitration Service was remaining in contact with both sides yesterday, but there was no prospect of a meeting be-tween the management and

tween counties, and according

to the Government that would mean up to 300 properties a

year.
Our Education Correspondent
writes: Confirmation that
young people are unwilling to

away from home to find came in a report, pub-

masterpleces from his famous collection at Chatsworth, a painting by the seventeenth-century French artist, Nicolas Poussin, estimated to be worth between £1m and £2m.

The painting, "The Holy Family with St John, St Elizabeth and six puti", which has been in the Devonshire collection since 1761, is being sold to meet running costs on the

Yorkshire MP faces first

From Ronald Kershaw

Mr Harold Sims, regional party

There are 52 constituencies

Labour, MPs. Mr Sims said that

all party organizations and

cally be nominated and short-

somewhere to live. Youthaid which carried out the refearch during 1978-79, said.

The unemployment rare

secretary, said.

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local party reselection

next few months.

lists would be prepared in the

The first reselection conference by a constituency ency Labour Party will be at Rother; because Mr. Peter Hardy is the member of Parliament. If the Yorkshire ments go according to pian, submission for reselection will take place in the late spring, Mr. Harold Sims, regional party The Rother Valley constituency is of particular interest because it was traditionally a mining sear until Mr Hardy, a schoolmaster, was elected in

Mr Sims hopes the timetable for all his constituencies will be endorsed by the party's national executive committee before August. It may be that many MPs will be reselected without the complication of new nomin-ations, but the process of the region, and 33 have asking for mominations will have to be gone through. It is likely that several reselection conferences will a be organized to take place simulaffiliated organizations who were entitled to nominate candidates were being informed. The sitting MP would automati-

Labour EEC plan

Some council houses to be for job seekers

A small office headed by Mr the study, which was funded by from people to search for work away from their homes has been met in part with the scheme envisages making avail was provided by the employed across county boundaries. The announcement that from April 1 some council houses will be reserved for those moving to infantile, says Mrs-Williams

In each case accommodation was provided by the employer.
One reason why so few market in another attack on the decimas that unless the entire sion by the 1980 Labour conferdate as almost impossible to the to seek withdrawed from young person who wasted in the EEC, Mirs Shirley Williams work away from home to find said last night that it was insomewhere to live. Your aid tabulate to believe that Rivain fantile to believe that Britain could negotiate a trading agree-

> She said that on the issue the Labour Party "is reluctant to live in the real world", just as the Conservatives behaved as if economics were divorced from politics and society.

from the EEC "without massive damage to jobs and to what remaios of our industry". But the deeper tragedy, she said in a speech to Cambridge Fabians, was that the Labour decision would destroy, in the Com-munity, the only successful base

The European Community had symoathy for the Brandt Commission's proposals to har-ness the unemployed resources of the northern hemisphere with the needs of the south, and with Herr Branct's initiative to try to negotiate a motual withdraw lof European nuclear

"Does anyone believe that Britain, economically weak and politically isplaced from the European Community and from the many Commonwealth countries. tries who want us to stay in, would be followed by the world's powers if she attempted such policies on her own? Those are the politics of delusion", she said.

ment that would give equal access to the Community after

Britain - could not withdraw

for new international initia

The latest price reductions and added value affect all Ford models except the new Escort range and come just over a month after the launching of

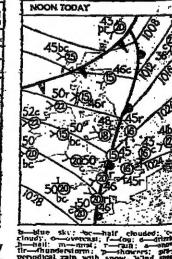
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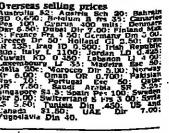


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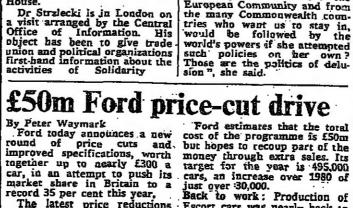
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London: Temp: max, 6 am 10 6 pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 3.2hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.025 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.







low price Popular versions of the Fiesta hatchback.

Escort cars was nearly back to normal yesterday as more than 4,000 hourly paid workers returned to the body and assembly sections at Ford's Halewood plant after being laid off for two days

# who admitted killing 26 complete people and 10 charges of arson Bruce George Peter Lee, aged on of Hull, pleaded guilty at proud of, Mr Coles c

20, of Hull, plyaded guilty at Leeds Crown Court vesterday to the manylaughter of 26 people and 10 charges of arson.
He was ordered to be detained on the sound in a special ring. The indirection in a special hospital without

The indictment took to be read out before by Mr. Times Mr Justice Tudor Evans.

Mr. Lee had pleaded not read by guilty to charges of arson and minimum and Mr Lee had pleaded not guity to charges of arson and murder from June, 1973, to during the manufacture of the manufacture of the which involved 10 fires and evil; and the manufacture of the m mission and to be which involved 10 rives and every many people aged between six months

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The car incur the expense of the prosecuincur the expense of a trial in would say those matters, and the prosecution accepted the pleas.

Mr Coles said Mr Lee was
born with a partly paralysed
united that the was an epileptic. Nor was he a
the South Time much-loved child. His mother
countred to Mr hum was a prostitute and never
and the time alone is much of his unhappiness.

Counsel said the significance

Counsel said the significance "The sad fact is that this is his only real accomplishment changed his name by deed poll in life and something he had



Peter Lee: "Fire is my

to Bruce Lee, partly in admiration of the Kung-fu film actor. Mr Lee attended school for the physically handicapped until he was 16 and spent much of his youth in care. "It was of his youth in care. "It was when he was in care that, he says, he was introduced to homosexual practices, which led to his downfall and discovery", Mr Coles added.

Mr Lee clearly had an animal cunning of a remarkably sharp nature. That permitted him to develop in no small scale as a fire raiser, so that for many years not only was he not caught but the fires he caused were ascribed to accidental causes.

expressed himself as being proud of", Mr Coles continued. The first known fire causing death was on June 27, 1973, but his fire raising activities went farther back. In a statement Mr Lee had admitted setting fire to a shopping arcade causing £17,000 of damage when he was

only nine years old. Mr Coles said that after the first fire which caused death, a sort of pattern for the fires emerged, as far as his method was concerned. The choice of victims was usually motiveless, mindless and totally random and that was one reason why detection was so difficult.

He took to buying paraffin and wandering round feeling miserable and depressed. He carried the paraffin with him and when his fingers began to tingle he knew that he wanted to start a fire."

On only about four occasions did motive come into it, because on those occasions the people involved were those against whom he had a grudge, although those gudges were of a trivial nature.

Mr Coles said that perhaps was on January 5, 1977. Mr Lee went to Wensley Lodge, an old men's home, which was really three houses in one. Eleven died in the blaze and six rescuers were injured.

In another statement to the police, Mr Lee had said: "I did the old blokes' home. I got a bike and off I went with my paraffin". He had added: "It was a nasty fire, a really rotten fire I did, and I knew it was

## Classic product of a broken home

I'm Peter George Lee bas saved Hull from at least another decade of fires causing loss of sholme Estate, Hull, decage of mes to property.

There was no sign that Mr Tit was on the wane or that the .. to : death told of 26 in the blazes he .... war a started had shocked him into

He w He was born Peter Dinsdale after his kung-fu hero, and had Title a told the police : "I am devoted - ters to fire. Fire is my master and - ters that is why I caused these

He even quoted the Bible verse-Matthew 6, 24: "No one can serve two masters; for its love the other, or he will be : Charlet a devoted to the one and despise

. " when the other". Ar Lee is the classic product of a broken home, spending years of his early life in local promises: it authority care.

an early interview Det

The Parer George Lee has saved Mr Lee's first act of arson was at the age of nine. He set fire to a shop on the Bran-

All the fires for which he was responsible were officially was responsible were difficulty filed as accidents, except for the last one, in which three children died. That was the blaze at the home of the Hastie family, in Selby Street, Hull. That, also, might have been filed as accidental but for the discovery of a scrap of paraffinsoaked paper near the scene:
Seven months of intensive investigation followed, but all leads seemed to end in blind alleys. Senior officers began to examine the background of

Charles Hastie, aged 15, who died trying to rescue his hrothers. They wondered whether he had been caught up in the world of homosexuals. For six weeks detectives watched a block of lavatories in Anlaby Road, near the Hastles' bome. Forty suspects

were rounded up. In an early interview Det.

In the net was reter Lee, the "oddball" often seen in Charles with him on his upbringing. Mr

In the net was reter Lee, the "oddball" often seen in Charles Hastie's company. They were interviewed by Mr Sagar, who told them: "I believe you are responsible for killing the three that was kicked from pillar to post.

Hastie boys ". : was Petel

Each denied the allegation, until it was the turn of Mr Lee. He replied: "I did not mean

Mr Sagar said later: "It was our last hope, and it paid off.
I was satisfied he was the one
we wanted without a shadow of

a doubt." Mr Lee had become an adept and cold-hearted fire raiser. Detectives described the fires he was responsible for as " good arsons", meaning the criminal nature behind them was diffi-

cult to detect. More than 18,000 people from the district were interviewed during the inquiry into the fire at the Hasties' home. There were no fingerprints, nothing except a piece of paper near the front door. The paper had been soaked in paraffin. That set in motion the arson inquiry.

Detectives believed paraffin had been poured through the letterbox by the fire-raiser. The police had received 123 allegations from people blaming the Hastie boys for everything and anything. But Mr Sagar could not believe that any ner responsible for such deaths could carry on a normal life

When Mr Lee began to talk the pieces fell together like a

## Relief of plumber blamed for 11 deaths

Three years ago Mr Stephen Hay, aged 24, left an inquest body after a coroner said he was the

It was said that Mr Hay's blow torch ignited material while he was mending a lecking pipe in the boilerhouse of the home. Mr Hay, of Mill Lane, Kirkella, Hull, felt that since then people had pointed the finger at him wherever he

He said: "I always knew that in Cavill Place, Hull, a few

The stigms of being the man the fire was not my fault, but who accidentally caused a fire my name has been linked with it ever since. Now I can begin lifted from a young plumber to live a normal life again."

Yesterday.

Alts Helen Hay, his mother, "I would never wish the raid: "I would never wish the

Another of Mr Lee's victims innocent inengator of the fire at Wensley Lodge old people's home, Hull, which Peter Lee has now confessed to starting.

Another of wire lees of which start and her daughter, of Lyric Close, Hull. She and her daughter, Samantha, were scarred for life in a fire started by Mr Lee. A few hours later Mrs eFnton, aged 28, lost her

unborn baby.

She was in hospital three months and her husband lost a well-paid job in Holland because had to return home to look after his family.

Mrs Fenton lived at Trout-

Dan-Air said it was consider-

ing the costs of scheduled services. It was likely that fares

on flights to the Channel

Islands and the Isle of Man

would rise between 71 and 10

announced last week that it

planned to reduce some Euro-

pean fares by between £19 and £40, said that comparisons

could not be made between the cost of domestic and

flights. Landing charges in the

United Kingdom were high, and

domestic flights were for short distances, often with few

announced that a new two-class

service would start on routes

to the Irish Republic on April

1. The single club class fare.

London to Dublin, will be

£55,50; tourist £49. Concorde standby British Air-

ways will introduce standby

fares on the Concorde New

York route from March 1 (the

Press Association reports). At

cheaper than the present first-

£675 one-way they will be £162

Airways

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distances, passengers.

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doors away from Mr Lee. She said: "I knew Lee by sight but not to speak to. I remember he had a crew-cut hairstyle; and his withered hand. He always had a sort of vacant look on

"I knew him as Peter Dinsdale. Everyone used to call him 'Daft Peter'. I used to be frightened of him because of the way he looked at me.

"He put me and my daughter through something we are never going to forget. It was the most terrifying thing I have ever experienced."

There is relief in the community where Mc Lee lived I knew him as Peter Dins-

munity where Mr Lee lived during the last few months with after his family.

Mrs Fenton lived at Troutbeck House, a block of flats

his mother and stepfather.

There is sympathy for Mrs book House, a block of flats

Dorsen Lee, who has moved to an address near by.

#### British Airways seeks 15% domestic fares increase yesterday it had no plans for a rise in the spring or

British Airways has applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to raise domestic air fares by 15 per cent from April 1. It would be the first increase on flights in the United Kingdom for a year.

The airline said that fuel costs had risen by 30 per cent and landing charges by up to 20 per cent on domestic flights in the past year. These costs accounted for half the operating budget, compared with 15 per cent in 1973. The increase would be lower than the inflation rate for the past year.

British Airways, expecting to lose more than £100m in this financial financial year, has made economies and cut staff by 10 per cent in the past 18 months. The proposed increases include the single shuttle fare

between London and Eelfast, up from £43 to £49, and the single shuttle from London to Glasgow, from £47 to £54. Standby fares on both routes would rise from £20 to £25. A single fare from London to Man-closter would rise from £33 to 233, standby from £15 to £20. On the possibility of other domestic carriers increasing domestic carriers increasing cheaper th

#### MPs argue for change in fish industry body

which

transatlantic

By Our Parliamentary Staff Opponents of the proposal to create a statutory authority for the fishing industry, with eight representatives of the industry and four independent members spent yesterday morning deploying their arguments

In the Commons standing committee on the Fisheries Bill, which sets up the new authority, MPs were still dis-cussing Opposition amendments to reduce the authority to six independent members when the debate was adjourned

The minister in charge of the Bill, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, will reply then. There is no indi-cation that he will give way on the central feature of the Bill, especially as Mr Peter Walker, the minister, believes his pro-posals have gained broad acceptance in the industry. Mr Gavin Strang, Labour MP for Edinburgh, East, and opposi-tion spokesman on fisheries, said the new authority would be much more effective and could act more cohesively on behalf of the nation and the

### Man found with pistol outside bank

An alert was flashed to magnum 37 pistol in a shoulder Elackpool police when David holster. The police said they were satisfied that Mr McDondaluh doorgan and the said the said that Mr McDondaluh doorgan and the said that Mr McDondaluh doorgan an club doorman, was seen with a pistol sitting in a car outside a bank. magistrates at Black-pool were told yesterday.

Two detectives took him from the car and found a replica were satisfied that Mr McDondon outside tough, of Loftus Avenue, Black-pool, had no criminal intent. He was bound over for two years for acting in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace.

#### A Minor exhibit

industry if it consisted of people who were more inde-

The Morris Minor 1000 car which formerly belonged to the Archbishop of Canterbury and then completed the 3,000-mile Himalayan rally was officially handed over to the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, Hampshire, yesterday.

## Imposed law is not sacrosanct, Plaid says

Plaid Cymru's national council will be asked on Saturday to endorse a policy document which says that party members should be allowed to break the law if the party's aims cannot be achieved through normal constitutional channels.

That is one of the main recommendations of a commission of inquiry appointed to examine the party's declining fortunes. Plaid Cymru's credibility suffered badly as a result of its ill-fated devolution campaign, and its recent results in parliamentary district and borough council elections have been disappointing.

The report says: "While the party should normally operate in a constitutional way within the law, it should not regard laws imposed on us as neces sarily sacrosanct, though the party should adhere to its declared total rejection of any activity likely to cause violence

to persons." Plaid Cymru should concen-trate during the 1980s on fusing together the forces of nation-alism, radicalism and socialism. It was the blending of these elements into a potential dyn-amic force that was feared by the Tories and helped us lead to their capitulation on the fourth channel issue."

If the commission's report is rsed the party, hitherto an amalgamation of differing political philosophies held together by a desire for selfdetermination, will be cast irrevocably into a socialist mould. The commission favours the establishment of workers' cooperatives, community groups and social clubs of all kinds.

That approach is clearly designed to appeal to industria South Wales, where the party must make gains if it is ever to become a real political force in the principality.

Ticket discounts and heavy advertising revolutionize Festival Hall ratings

# Hard sell makes Philharmonia top of the pops

restore the land for agriculture reduced to about half the prestrengthened their determina-

Music Reporter
The orchestral popularity ratings at the Festival Hall in London seem almost certain to change substantially this year because of the Philharmonic Orchestra's success with its new subscription scheme, Last year the Philharmonia had the poorest audiences of the four ndependent London crchestras ; this year it looks like having

easily the best. When Riccardo Muti brings Stravinsky's Rite of Spring to its shattering close on Sunday night the orchestra will have virtually sold out every concert so far this season; 12 con-

The admissibility as evidence

of past government actions and

undertakings appeared likely to become a crucial issue at a pub-lic inquiry which opened in Guildford, Surrey, yesterday. The inquiry is into an appli-

cation to reopen the disused Wisley airfield for general aviation Objectors say that per-mission would reach promises

given nearly forty years ago when the land was requisi-

tioned for warrime use and re-peated on several occasions

But Mr Shane Reese, the inquiry inspector, refused to

by government officials or the Hansard reports of debates in

Lawyers for Guildford Borough Council, which has consistently opposed the appli-cation, will argue that govern-

ment undertakings cannot be

ignored, as they have all along guided both the county and dis-

From John Young

Planning Reporter

secutively, be expected to envy the In the last financial year Philharmonia's success but audiences at the hall for the there is no sign of their starting four orchestras averaged 73 per subscription schemes.
cent, and the Philharmonia The London Philharmonic managed only 71 per cent. But said that from September to deniably expensive and since

introduction of season November last year the Philhartickets with discounts of up to monia was averaging just over 25 per cent has meant that half 90 per cent paid attendances of each house for the orchestra (complimentary and similar has been sold in advance. tickets make up the rest) while Heavy advertising, with the sponsorship from Du 65 per cent. Maurier, and some concerts It thought the Philharmonia with very popular artists such as had probably poached

Menuhin, have done the rest. Popularity may not necessarily reflect orchestral quality, since hackneyed programmes of the most popular music can guaramee high attendances, but topping the poll can make a big difference to an orchestra's financial health.

The orbest orchestras might The other orchestres might be expected to envy the Philharmonia's success but

tion not to allow the sirfield to

for the applicants, Jenstate, sought yesterday to reassure those who feared that Wisley might develop into London's

Mr Michael Fitzgerald, QC,

There was no intention of in-

troducing scheduled services, he said. There will be no pro-

vision made for airlines or for

those aircraft normally asso-

The company would seek a general aviation licence to

erve the needs of business and

corporate customers. It would

be a so-called ordinary licence,

management to control its use. By 1985 it would be neces-

of those who would no longer

be able to use Garwick, Mr Fitzgerald said. The British Airports Authority had indi-

cated that before that time it would have to "evict" many

of the present general aviation

may be crucial issue at airfield inquiry

fourth airport.

say whether he would admit as as opposed to a public licence, evidence either letters written and so would allow the airport

trict councils' planning policies. users and that small aircraft
The specific commitment to movements might need to be

Guildford

ciated with airlines."

the other three were all about

Galway and Yehudi audiences from the other audiences from the other orchestras but since then attendances had improved Nor did the Royal Philharmonic expect great interest in the ideas; it tried a subscription scheme some years ago and

obtained 16 members Launching a scheme is un-

The company was conscious

of the urgent aced to do some-

thing to meet business aviation

requirements, he added. It saw

the Wisley site as ideal and it

expected its proposed course of action to be beld as a respon-

sible one and as a positive step

It became clear yesterday, however, that Mr Fitzgerald's claims were not shared by either the EAA or the Civil

In evidence to the inquiry to be heard later the BAA sug-

ests that general aviation acti-vity at Wisley would be detri-

using both Heathrow and Gat-wick airports an dmight have

if pressure was put on general

aviation at those airports then

the needs of business jet users would be badly served. Wisely could help to fill that gap.

Wisley would be within con-trolled air space shortly after

take-off and until a late stage before landing.

But most flights to and from

The CAA acknowledges that

to assist the economy.

Aviation Authority.

last couple of months (the Festival Hail said they were probably running at about 1 per cent higher than last year), the pressure on orchestras to drastic action has slackened.

Mr Christopher Bishop, managing director of the Philharmonia, was delighted that no one else wanted to compete to sell season tickets. He said his ambition was to sell the whole house every night on subscription, and then to start

repeating each concert.

In London there are a series of rehearsals and then usually just one concert; elsewhere in Britain, and in most other counorchestras and less competition, each concert is repeated, sometimes several times. The financial benefits are great.

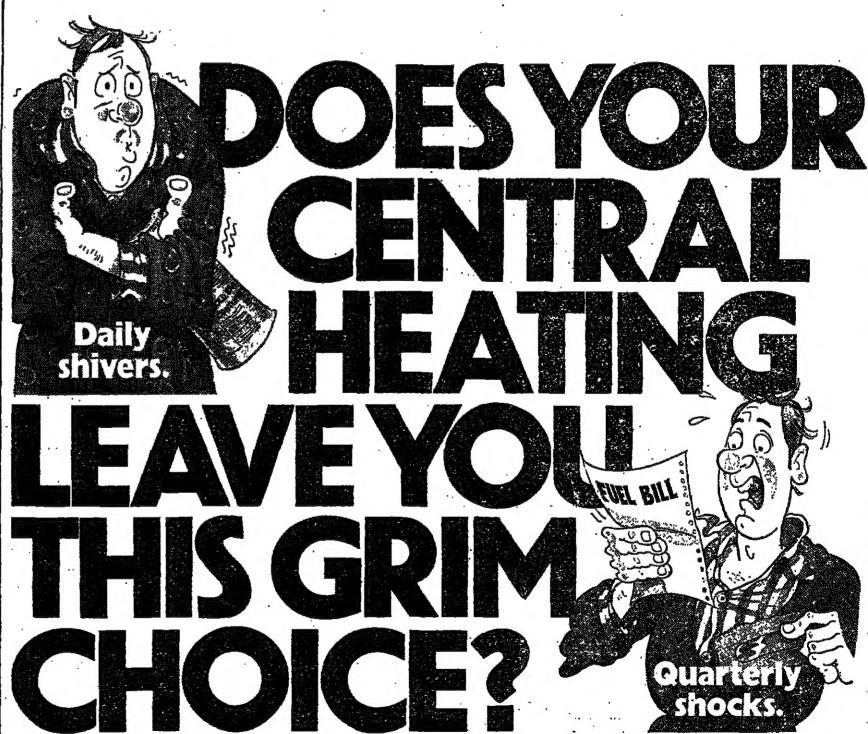
### Admissibility of government undertakings £100,000 gift to aid research

From John Chartres Manchester

A cheque for £100,000 to help to establish a fellowship for research into crippling diseases was handed over yesterday to the acting Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, Profes-sor Dennis Welland.

Sir Harry Platt, aged 94, Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedic Surgery at the univer-sity, after whom the fellowship fund is being named, expressed pleasure that such research would be undertaken in the part of England that he regarded as the birthplace of modern mental to the flow of air traffic orthopaedic surgery. The using both Heathrow and Gat-research fellow will operate within the university's ortho-paedic surgery department at Hope Hospital, Saltord.

The cheque was presented by General Sir Victor FitzGeorge Balfour, chairman of Action Research, and it is likely to be followed by a target of at least £50,000 from an appeal directed mainly at industry North-west, launched vesterday by Sir George Kenyon, treasurer of Manchester University.



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## Kent's 12.3% rate rise hodes ill for Mr Heseltine's hopes

Local Government Correspondent

Kent County Council announced yesterday, a rate precept increase of 12.3 per cent for 1981-82, giving a clear indication that general increases are likely to be substantially above the levels hoped for by Council

the Government.

The increase, which will mean a rate rise of 14.7 per cent for Kent householders if the district councils in the county raise their rates by a similar amount, conflicts with the Government's inflation allowance of rises of about 7 per cent, made up of 6 per cent for pay and 11 per cent

for prices. for prices.

Since Kent, the first to set its rate, has followed government guidelines on spending cuts—in fact it has set a budget 15nn below its entitlement under the grant-related than the properties approximate and has spending assessment—and has henefited from the new block grant, the indications are that rate rises generally will be well above the predictions of Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment.
After his announcement of the rate-support grant lest month, using the new block grant system. Mr Heseltine suggested that if councils followed the Government's guidelines rate increases should be very small, even nil.

In general the counties did well from the grant settlement at the expense of the cities,

Four men deny

corrupt morals

Four men pleaded not guilty at the Central Criminal Court

yesterday to charges of conspir-

ing to corrupt morels by publiching a contact sheet.

They are: Thomas O'Carroll, and 34, a former information officer at the Open University.

of Loval Street, Newport Pag-

nell. Buckinghamshire; David Wade, aged 37, a lorry driver.

of Brooke Read, Stoke Newington, Loadon; John Parrott, aid 32, a hot dog seller, of Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London, and Michael Dagnall, aged 35, a teacher of Hounston, Avanua, Toton, South

down Avenue, Totton, South

They and two other men, Mu

Favid Grove, who is dead, and The Keith Hose, who is out of the country, were said to have

been on the controlling body of the Paedophile Information Exchange from 1976 until 1978.

The trial was adjourned until

conspiracy to

But councils throughout the country have become anxious as their treasurers work out

what is needed, and an emer-gency meeting of the joint consultative council on local-government finance is to be held tomorrow to discuss the matter.

The erratic workings of the new system are illustrated by the likely rate increases in other county councils. For Cambridgeshire the increase is understood to be about 10 per cent, with a little spending over the assessment; Hertfordshire is likely to put its precent up. is likely to put its precept up by 9 per cent, spending £3.4m over its assessment; Somerset by 6 per cent with an over-spending of up to £2m; and Buckinghamshire by 13 to 15 per cent, spending £9m over the

In the past two years Kent has cut its county council staff of about 50,000 by 3,000 without compulsory redundancy, and now has a policy of careful scrutiny before filling any

Sir John Grugeon, leader of the council, said yesterday that the budget reflected the 3 per the budget reflected the 3 per cent cut in spending asked for by the Government. "We are moving steadily and rightly into a policy of retrenchment", he said, "looking at new ways of solving old problems at lower cost."

Ludlow
A retired Herefordshire

of tax-dodging is being given a rebate because he had paid too

The Rev Conway Davies, who

now lives in Kingswood Hall Hospital, Kingston, has

received a personal apolegy from Sir Geoffrey Howe,

Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The tax inspector had alleged

hat Mr Davies failed to declare

£1,500 in fees for officiating at services, such as weddings and

funerals, while working as a

In fact Mr Davies who

retired 21 years ago, has not practised for many years. His son, Prebendary John Davies, vicar of Pererchurch, Hereford-

shire, said yesterday that his father had been caused con-

For some time he forgot to

siderable distress.

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taxpayer aged 92

Chancellor apologizes to

clergy man aged 92 who was of earning money for services. secused by the Inland Revenue "He would have had to take

## Pressure for safeguard in mental health Bill

MIND, the mental health pressure group, is fighting for a safeguard it considers vital to patients to be included in the new mental health Bill being prepared in Whitehall. The issue concerns a patient's

right to refuse treatment, which MIND thinks is one of the most important aspects of any re-drafting of mental health law. The group is meeting Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, on Monday to press for the White Paper's commitment on consent to treatment to be included in

College The Royal Psychiatrists is known to be unhappy about the proposal on consent to treatment in White Paper produced in 1978
White Paper produced in 1978
by the former Labour government. That said hazardous,
irreversible or not fully established treatment, could not be given without the consent of the patient, except to save life Even when the patient did consent, treatment might be given only with the agreement of an outside review body.

The White Paper said that a second opinion would come from a many-discipline panel established by the area health authority and it should be sought when there was any doubt about whether a particular treatment was dangerous, irreversible or not fully irreversible established.

send in any tax returns. "The Revenue assumed that he had been working and accused him

wedding services all day long to earn £1,500, and the tax office knew his age, so the

demand was ridiculous.
"The Revenue threatened to

distrain to recover the money,

and that caused great distress. After investigation he is being

given a rebate for paying too

His case was taken up by Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP for Leaminster, who wrote direct

desire to harass Mr Davies.

much tax".



view the association, which has 20,000 members, was too insig-nificant to merit a seat.

The association will be pre

sent at the meeting today of the Burnham teachers panel, the

first meeting in the new pay round. It will recommend a f

per cent pay rise for teachers from April 1, plus 2 per cent from September 1.

"We are making this realistic recommendation to protect the

jobs of our members and to offer some hope of employment to student reachers", Mr Peter

Dawson, the association's general secretary, said. Anything above the 6 per cent allowed for by the Government would result in further teacher

The local authorities have not

vet decided what they will offer the 470,000 teachers. Indi-

oner the 4/0,000 teachers. Individual authorities have suggested everything from minus 1 per cent to 6 per cent. It is most unlikely that they would go higher than that.

It has been estimated that

every 1 per cent increase in the teachers' salary bill of £3,550m

redundancies, he said.

Seat on pay body for

non-striking teachers

included on the committee " for could cost about 4,500 teachers' purely political reasons". In his jobs.

A hearse in Downing Street yesterday carrying a petition for a rise in the £30 death grant.

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

Professional Association

The Government's much-leaked decision to give the

Teachers a sear on the Burnham Committee, the national nego-tiating body on teachers' pay, was ennounced in the Commons

vesterday by Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Educa-tion and Science.

He also said he was increasing the number of representatives of the National Association

of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers from six to

with half the seats on the 32

member teachers' panel. The National Association of

Teachers in Further and Higher

Education, which retains its single seat almost always votes

with the NUT, so that union will retain an overall majority.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secre-tary of the NUT, said that it

res clear all along that the Professional Association of Teachers, which refuses to take

part in any strike would be

## Hostage 'shot trying to protect friend'

One of the hostages in the Iranian Embassy siege in London told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, that he was shot as he tried to protect a friend from terrorist gunfire when members of the Special Air Service Regiment attacked the building. Mr Akmed Dadgar, a diplo-mat, broke down as he recalled

the incident and his injuries. The man he tried to save died. A few minutes after the shooting, the court was told, one of the terrorists was shot by the SAS as he clutched a hand grenade. Others who took part in the shooting were killed later by the SAS as they sat against a wall. One received multiple wounds and the other died from a buller in the back.

died from a bullet in the back of the neck. Mr Dadgar, giving evidence on the fourth day of the trial of Fowzi Nejad, aged 23, who has pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder, said three gunmen entered the room where the hostages were.

to Sir Geoffrey. Apologizing, the Chancellor says that in view of Mr Davies's age the tax officer The terrorists closed the door and began firing. Mr Dadgar added: "As soon as I saw them shooting I tried to cover my friend". He and Mr Ali Akbar would have been more reasonable to assume that he was no longer working.
Offering "my sincere apologies for the worry inadvertently caused", the Chancellor said the Inland Revenue had no Samadzadeh, his friend and a student who worked part-time at the embassy, attempted to duck down behind chairs as

terrorists sprayed the

Mr Dadgar, who entered the court with the aid of a walking stick, told Mr Justice Park that he received one bullet through the lung, another just below the beart and one in each hip. A: that point he slumped back saying: "I am not sorry for myself". Later the court was told that Mr Samadzadeh died

After the shooting. Mr Dada-gar said, the hostages implored the gunmen to surrender. One of them, not Mr Nejad, tried to use a hand grenade as a hostage told him to stop. Those changes still leave the National Union of Teachers

After the SAS arrived, ha said, he saw the gunzen sitting by a wall. "They were kulled by the SAS", he added.

A statement read to the court from Mr Vahid Khabaz said that shortly before the end of the siege one of the terrorists wrate a note to Police Constable Trevor Lock, the policemen cap-tured by the terrorists, in which he said he was going to escape and save the hostages, and asked for a safe conduct.

Mr Richard DuCann, QC. for the defence, said that it was admitted that Faisal, the second in command of the terrorists, was shot by the SAS. He said the man ran out of the room where the bostages were beld still holding a hand grenade and

The trial continues today.

#### Pension rise may be cut below rate of inflation

Social Services Correspondent Pensions rose last November by 1 per cent more than the figures have confirmed.

That will pave the way for the Government to implement

By Pat Healy

its proposal to reduce the pen-sions increase due next Novem-ber by 1 per cent below the estimated inflation rate. If the Government does go

ahead, it will mean a new Bill, possibly before the Budget, and a political argument, since pensions rose by about £1 a week less for a single person and less for a single person and £2 a week less for a married couple than they would have done under previous legislation.

The Government's intention was announced by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said in November that because of a more rapid decrease in the inflation rate there had been an "over-provision" of an estimated 1 persons that the statement of the vision of an estimated 1 per-vision of an estimated 1 per-cent in the pensions increase that month. It was proposed to deduct that from the 1981

increase.

Confirmation of the inflation rate between the last two pension increases had to wait for the December prices figures because 54 weeks elapsed between them. That meant that

tween them. That meant that the November figures alone were not sufficient to confirm the inflation rate at the time of the last increase.

In addition, the November pensions increase was lower because the Government changed the law to drop the link with earnings increases and refused to make good the shortfall the previous year.

Both points will be raised with MPs in what is expected to be a mass rally outside Parliament on March 4, which has been designated "national pensioners' day" by the TUC-spousored National Pensioners Convention.

Left-handedness in boys linked with breech births

From a Staff Reporter Manchester

A research worker at Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology has found indications that the most probable causes of left-handedness are breech delivery of a male child or a woman aged 39 or over giving birth for the first

An examination of records of births to 2.670 women at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, in 1971 has shown that while boys are more likely to be left-handed than girls (19.9 per cent, against 13.6 per cent), as many as 40 per cent of boys born by breech delivery were left-banded, although method of delivery had no

significant effect on girls. The other outstanding finding was that 43 per cent of first children of both sexes born to women aged 39 or over were left-banded.

The research was carried out by Miss Carole Jeffery while A carved ivory figure of the working for her MSc degree. It Madonna dating from the was summarized in a paper written in collaboration with Dr James Smart, of Manchester University department of child health, and Professor Bernard

## In brief

#### Kent motorway plan approved

announced its approval for the 8.6-mile section of the M25 London orbital route between Swanley and Sevennaks, in Kent, which has been fiercely opposed on environmental

erounds. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, said that the decision had been a particularly sensitive one, but the advantages of the route outweighed the dis-

#### Protest by disabled

Twenty handicapped people refused to attend a free pantomime held for the International Year of Disabled People at the Key Theatre, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, vesterday after complaining that there were in-sufficient facilities for wheel-chairs and walking frames.

#### Baby has pacemaker

A week-old boby has been given a heart pacemaker in an operation at Killingbeck Hos-pital, Leeds, Richard Andrew Brightmore, who had a con-genital heart block, is believed to be the youngest person to have such an operation.

#### Journalists get 16%

Journalists at The Daily Telegraph yesterday accepted a pay ofter yielding average in creases of almost 16 per cent The average salary will be £12,915 from next July,

#### Water action threat

Union delegates representing 2,000 water and sewerage workers in Greater Manchester Lancashire and Cumbria yester day voted to reject the em ployers' 7.9 per cent pay offe and to take industrial action.

## Shoppers pay again

Debenhams' store in South amoton has bad an overwhelm ampton has but an overwhelm ing response from shoppen after it appealed to them to replace about £80,000 of cheque and credit card receipts stoler on December 20.

#### Waste Council goes The abolition of the Wass Management Advisory Counci and the National Acti-Wass Programme was confirmed in a Commons written replyesterday by Sir Keith Joseph Secretary of State for Industry

Maw sister pregnant Charlene Maw, aged 18, of Bradford, who with her sister Annette is serving a prison septence for the manslaughter of her father, is expecting a baby in the summer.

#### BR investigate theft

British Rail yesterday began an investigation into the thef of £52,000 in foreign currency from a train ofter the count tion of two men at Northingham

Ivory Madonna stolen seventeenth century has bee: stolen from a plinth above th altar at Canterbury Cathedra

Tobacco price rise The price of most Carrera Rothmans' cigaretics will ris by 4p for 20 from today.

#### MEXICO'S rate of inflation since the previous pension increase, the December retail prices index

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## Richards, of the computation department of Manchester University Institute of Science and Technology. Liberal urges Labour dissidents to act

By Fred Emery Political Editor Political Editor

A sherp reminder that
Liberals see themselves as the
cutting edge of any new alliance
with social democrats was given
last night by Mr Alan Beith, the
Liberal Chief Whip. And he
suggested that if the "big
names" among Labour dissidents did not soon make up
their minds they would find their minds, they would find that constituency supporters had already joined the Liberals. Speaking at Derby, Mr Beith conveyed the disgruntlement shared by senior Librals that

last weekend's opinion poll had been widely seen as acclaiming Mrs Shirley Williams's leader-ship. In fact, the pol produced its leading 31 per cent for an alliance between the Liberals and a social democratic grouping led by Mrs Williams, which is a joint venture.

Mr Beith pointed to 50 seats

Mr Beith pointed to 50 seats where Liberals, now in second place, were within reach of wictory. "There are no seats which any new social demo-cratic party looks at all likely to win" he remarked. "The potential strength of any new

therefore heavily dependent of how many Labour MPs are pre pared to make the break, and He went on: "We are no prepared to see that cutting edge blunted by badly though out, last minute schemes. Thos who share our determination t change British politics for the better must now ack themselve the basic question, can a nev grouping add to the number or parliamentary seats which Liberals can gain for thi

## Old Vic actor disappears

By Martin Huckerby

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Theatre Reporter
The Old Vic Theatre has run
into trouble again. It has had
to postpone the opening of its
production of Vanbrugh's
Restoration comedy, The
Relapse, because one of the
actors has disappeared.
Previews of the play were
due to start last night, but
on Monday the theatre received
a telegram from Barry a telegram from Barry Woolgar, who was due to play Loveless, one of the leading roles, which said: "I can't go on-cannot cope-have gone As a result last night's and tonight's performances were cancelled and the first night

was postponed until next Tuesday.
The Old Vic has no idea

where the actor has gone, nor has his agent. The telegram was sent from Heathrow au-So the theatre has found a

So the theatre has found a new actor for the part, Richard Kay, who is the younger brother of Mr David Kay, the company's vice-chairman. He is hurriedly learning the role, ready for the first preview tomorrow night.

The Old Vic said yesterday that it was aware that Mr Woolgar had been under some strain, but had not realized that anything was seriously wrong.

British Movement 'quartermaster' jailed From Our Correspondent pistol and conspiracy to stir up Birmingham

A member of the extreme right-wing British Movement who stored guns and ammunition at his parents' farm and distributed receiving the store of the s

tion at his parents' farm and distributed racialist stickers was jailed for seven years by a judge at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

Roderick Lewis Roberts, aged 27, of Central Avenue, Longbridge, Birmingham, was said by the prosecution to have been the quartermaster for a 20-strong branch of the British 20-strong branch of the British Movement in the West Mid-

illegally acquiring a Mauser

racial hatred Mr Anthony Barker, for the Mr Anthony Barker, for the prosecution, said that weapons, including a Sten gun an antiroit gun, revolvers and pistols, were found in a pigsty at Spetchley, Worcestershire, the home of Mr Robert's parents. Harvey Stock, aged 40, of Woodbrooke Road, Bournville, Birmingham, who was described as the group's press officer; received a two-year prison sentence, suspended for prison sentence, suspended for two years, for conspiring to stir

up racial hatred and arson.

Another British Movement member, Robert Giles, aged 25, of Church Street, Bicester, Oxford lands.

He pleaded guilty to 10 of Church Street, Bicester, Of Church Street, Bicester weapon, a flick knife, and con- years,

spiring with Mr Roberts to acquire the Mauser pistol.
Reginald Cox, aged 36, a gun dealer, of Carlton Terrace, Burntwood, Staffordshire, who supplied Mr Roberts with most of the guns, was sent to prison of the guns, was sent to prison for eight years. That included

for eight years. That included a five-year sentence for sexual offences against nine girls

Ian Frazer Gilmore, aged 27, gun dealer, of Charter Close, Norton Canes, Staffordshire, received a two-year jail sentence, suspended for two years, for illegal possession of firearms, and Harold Simcox, aged 33, a former National Front candidate, of Grace Road, Tioton, West Midlands, received an 18-menth sentence suspended John Stokes, aged 33, of New-John Stokes, aged 33, of Newton Street, West Bromwich, who admitted stealing from his employers, Webley and Scott, the gunmakers, was jailed for two

#### Garage men and 16 policemen on 65 summonses

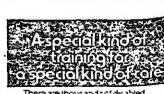
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Sixteen police officers and four garage directors were accused at Hertford Magistrates' Court yesterday of briben and corruption.

and corruption.

The case erises from an in quiry into allegations that motorway patrolmen tooling the price of a traffic base at Gerston, near Weford.

The policemen including twoman constable, and the directors forced at the price of the tors faced a total of 65 sub-monses. None of the defendants appeared



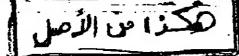
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Though the judge's release

has temporarily eased the strains among its four com-

ponents-Christian Democrars,

Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans—over how to deal

with terrorism, fresh challenges

have come from the public services and the steel and chemical

The public has felt the dis-comfort of a strike by pilots of Alitalia and or widespread elec-

rricity blackouts. About three-quarters of the national flag-carrier's pilots, grouped in an

independent trade union, are claiming annual salary increases

foreign and domestic flights,

operating a few skeleton services with pilots belonging to

the national trade union confed-

being subjected to more severe electricity cuts than ever before,

mostly staggered over 90-minute periods in different part of the

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While the hunt goes on for are limited. Enel, the national the kidnappers of Judge Gio-vanni d'Urso, Signor Arnaldo warning that the situation can Forlani's Italian coalition gov-ernment faces a period of mounting social and industrial produced a number of national

Forlani coalition faces mounting

industrial unrest as partners

produced a number of national energy plans over the years, providing for the building of nuclear and conventional power stations, but these have mostly remained a dead letter, partly through lack of drive and partly from local opposition on environmental grounds.

The simmering crisis in the nationalized steel industry has come into the open with the resignation of Signor Ambrogio Puri as chairman of Italsider, the country's biggest producer, with an annual output of about 10 million tons. He alleged lack of support for rationalization efforts from Signor Gianni de Michelis, the minister for state-owned industry.

ranging from 18m to 30m lire (57.825 to £13.040), while the company is reported to be tr.825 to £13.0401, while the ompany is reported to be offering 3m to 4m lire (£1.300 to £1.740).

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are bickering with each other.
The partly state-owned Montedison, an ailing giant for much of the 1970s, is once more Power consumption has risen, in trouble. The unions have during one of the hardest wincalled a series of strikes against cers for years, while production dismissals which the manageis virtually static and the possiment of Italy's biggest chemical

bicker over lack of coherent policy recovery strategy.

Montedisons's operating sub-sidiaries need to shed 9,000 over the next two years from a work-force of about 45,000, while Montefibre (fibres) plans to get rid of another 3,000, and Acna (dyes) another 840,

This is still a much healthier outlook than that facing the reicis of the formerly privately-owned Società Italiana Resine and Liquichimica. The intension of the control o tion is for these to be taken over by the state corporation Eni, but, as a statement from the Ministry of State Industry pointed out, they have accumulated losses of 1,000,000m lire (about £435m), and the jobs of

(about £435m), and the jobs of their 40,000 workers cannot be guaranteed.

Looking further ahead, these difficulties should be overcome in the framework of a three-year economic plan which the Government is due to approve by the end of January.

Builders arrested: Five local officials and builders were carrested today on embezzlement and other charges in connexion with contracts to build ment and other charges in con-pexion with contracts to build council houses after the Janu-ary, 1968 earthquake in the Belice valley of western Sicily, where 40,000 people are still living in hus, Police are look-ing for another three

The charges, in one of several cases being investigated by magistrates, allege that the final price paid for 38 council houses in the village of Menfi was more than double that stipulated in the original con-

## Lonely task for only woman in French poll

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Jan 20

Mme Marie France Garaud, the one-time adviser to Presi-dent Pompidou and M Jacques Chirac, is waging a doughty battle in the presidential elec-tions for her ideas, if not for herself, and has no chance of beating the political heavy-weights she has chosen to take

She is fighting without the backing of a party or a well organized political machine, without a ready-made platform, without substantial funds, and without the advantage of being a man in this politically still misogynist country, but with more than a common dose of courage and conviction.

What is important for her, she told a luncheon of the Anglo-American Press today, is to ensure that the political debate to which the campaign gives rise is clear and real; and that the main protagonists are driven out of the nebulous posi-tions in whih they have so far entrenched themselves.

She could not tell at this stage what was the policy of either President Giscard d'Estaing or M François Mitter-rand, the Socialist leader. In 1974, the President had fought the elections on narional independence and economic recovery and she had supported him. But since then, his stand abroad endangered French in-

union of the left. Now he was any clear idea of its objectmarking his distance from the tives?" She asked: "I want Communists. He had approved these elections to serve some the stationing of American SS20 purpose, and I am beginning to missiles on European soil; but see some small results for my in December, at the Madrid efforts already in terms of the conference of the Socialist International, he had approved its M. François-Ponset (the Foreign dependence, and his economic neutralist positions. Minister) is much more policy was a flop.

"I am not sure what the cautious about detente. M What was M Mitterrand's President's policy is. How then Chirac has clarified his stand stand? He had stood for the can be average Frenchman have on foreign policy."

Mme Garaud: Trying to lift the level of debate. M Francois-Ponset (the Foreign Minister) is much more cautious about detente. M

## **Daughter opposes** Picasso handover

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Jan 20

One of Pablo Picasso's daughters thinks Spain is not democratic enough for his civil war masterpiece, "Guernica", to be hung in a Spanish museum; and her artitude could delay the handing over of the painting to the Spanish Government by the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Madrid newspaper El Pais said today, newspaper El Pais said today,
The daughter, Maya, born to
his French companion MarieThérèse Walter, is the only
close relative of Picasso who is
known to oppose delivery of the
painting to Spain. In an interview published in El Pais, she
says, "My father would not
have approved of this transfer."
Picasso painted the big canvas to call the world's attention
to the devastating dive-bomb

to the devastating dive-bomb attack on the Basque town of Guernica by Hitler's Luftwaffe which supported General Franco during the civil war. He always said that it was dedistrated to the Spanish people and cated to the Spanish people, and should be placed in their custody once the republic was reestablished and democratic freedoms were assured, Since last October the paint-

ing has been awaiting shipment from the New York museum to Madrid in accordance with Picasso's wishes, confirmed by the family's lawyer, M Ronald Dumas in 1977. No explanation for the delay has been offered

Snow closes tunnel Chamonix, Jan 20. - Heavy snow over the French Alps forced the closure of the Mount Blanc road tunnel to Italy. Skiing resorts in the area of

by either the Spanish Govern-ment or the Museum of Modern Art, which has been keeping the picture since 1939.

The Spanish authorities would like to bang the painting in the Cason del Buen Retiro, an annex of the Prado museum in Madrid, this year, the one hundredth anniversary of Picasso's birth in Malaga Exhibitions and events through

out Spain are scheduled to commemorate the centenary. The painter's daughter say: the interview that her father spoke of the return of the republic, whereas Spain is

now a monarchy. She also feels that there is not enough freedom yet. She objects to the fact that there is no divorce law in Spain, and she is not satisfied with the legal status of illegitimate

"We cannot speak of demo-cracy in Spain," she says, "as long as the Army and the police of the old regime are retained."

According to El Pais there is a remote possibility of the case going to the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Officials of Spain's Directorate of Spain's Directorate of Fine Arts are to talk over the matter again later this week with Picasso's widow, Jacqueline, his children, Marina, Paloma, Claude and Maya, and his grandson, Bernard.

El Al manager beaten

Copenhagen, Jan 20. — The manager of the Copenhagen office of the Israeli airline El Al was beaten and seriously injured last night. His office was daubed with swastikas.

#### Portugal facing daunting tasks

## Oil costs and drought threaten economy

The outcome of the debate on Portugal's new Government, which began today is not in doubt. By the end of the week its parliamentary majority will have easily voted down the Socialists' "no confidence" motion and approved the Gov-

ernment programme. But there are three main problems for the new Admini-stration to face—reform of the 1976 Constitution, the worsen-ing economic situation, and

cates the task of developing the country's frail economic structure and at the same time adapting it to EEC competition.

Decisions like the Opec oil

price rises in Bali last autumn and the lack of winter rains over much of Portugal's northeast and Alentejo in the south are far more important for the country's economy than any government programmes or declarations in Brussels.

Because of the Ball decision, Portugal, which has to import 83 per cent of its energy re-quirements, found its petrol bill shooting up from about 5850m ear to about £1,250m this If the rains do not come in the next month, filling the reservoirs and dams and saving livestock, there will be power shortages as well as increased

This will worsen balance of ayments difficulties; and enhor Francisco Pinto Balthe Prime Minister.said on taking office it would " not convenient" to increase any the country's foreign debt, which this is 70,000m escudos

In the present world denres-sion it is becoming increasingly difficult to export enough to pay for imports—let alone modernize the country for EEC

The new Government has reated a new Ministry for Integration. Senhor Alvaro Barreto, an American-trained business exe-

But Mr Gaston Thorn, the new President of the EEC Com-mission, has just given the minister a cold douche, pushing back the realistic date for Portugal's entry and, apparently, linking it with that of Spain.

Entry in 1985, instead of Jan-Entry in 1985, instead of January 1, 1983, as planned, is bad enough; but the apparent linkage with Spain really worries Lisbon. The Portuguese, perhaps naively, wanted to get in before their peninsular "big brother", thinking that would mean more favourable terms. ing economic situation, and negotiations for entry to the European Community.

Unfortunately the world depression considerably complication that the state of developing that would mean more favourable terms. They also want to evoid being left out, along with Spain, if their neighbour's application runs into trouble in Brussels.

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It was the Socialists under Dr Mario Soares's premiership in 1977 who began the approaches to Brussels. But now their motcizes the Pinto Balsemão Government for proposing more private enterprise and increased productivity to overcome Por-tugal's economic backwardness and pave the way for EEC

and pave the way for EEC entry.

The Socialists, now in opposition, are unwilling to let the Communists win all the political advantages if anti-EEC feelings arise from the economic hardships being suffered by the Portuguese — steep price increases at the new year are estimated to have reduced the purchasing power of basic wages

chasing power of basic wages by us much as a quarter. Behind the conciliatory lan-guage about "institutional soliderity" exchanged by the President and the Prime Minister, the powers of the Presidency look like being the most difficult problem to tackle in constitutional reform.

President Eanes is not the

kind of man to give way easily and the December election result proved there is popular support for the way he interprets his constitutional role.

The Socialists have declared their objection to reducing the President's powers now they are in opposition. Their support is crucial for the two-thirds majority the coalition needs to muster for any constitutional reform. The Government has little margin for manoeuvre, therefore, in carrying out its election pledge to curb the semi-Presidential system.

# Can you win if you come in third?

In a comparative study of railways in nine Western European countries, in terms of productivity\* per man, Holland was first, Sweden second and Britain third.

Holland and Sweden, however, have much smaller and more modern rail networks than Britain.

Therefore, if we look at the big league' railways, Britain actually was number one.

Victory? Sadly, no. For this bare statistic, though well worth stating, does not reveal the whole picture. There is much room for improvement.

## THE PAY AND PRODUCTIVITY DEAL OF MAY 1980

This fact was recognised in the Pay and Productivity Deal of May 1980. This far-reaching deal, concluded with the three rail unions, recognised the need for change in many sectors of British Rail's activities.

Described by a top union leader as "One of the toughest sets of negotiations I have ever known, it opened the door to reductions in manning levels, plus other improvements in efficiency in the freight and parcels businesses and other sectors.

These changes are estimated to save a total of £60 million (in 1980 prices) by 1983. Both management and unions are urgently considering how to accelerate this process. It is absolutely essential to the long-term health of the industry.

## THE NEED FOR REDEPLOYMENT

From the railway community's point of view, there are other important facts to

be considered. British Rail employees stand lower on the industrial ladder than their European counterparts – on basic pay rates British Rail is at present a low wage business.

Yet British Rail is not a low wage-cost railway. As the study also shows, railwaymen in this country work longer hours than their European counterparts.

The solution to this problem is to alter out-of-date methods of working and to redeploy manpower resources on a continuing basis. There are, after all, a large number of unfilled railway vacancies at present.

## A GOOD DEAL, BUT WILL IT BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION IN TIME?

There's plenty going for it. Consider, for instance, British Rail's impressive labour relations record compared with other UK industries.

Over the last 20 years, there has been a massive rationalisation of British Rail's business, achieved with remarkably little friction. In the last 15 years, there has been a reduction of 150,000 posts with 31,000 going in the 1970's -at a time of rising unemployment which was not exactly a helpful background to achieve reductions on this scale.

British Rail's staff know full well that. with increased efficiency, the railways can command success.

In 1979, passenger sales mileage was actually higher than in 1961 when the network TVas 30% larger and there were only half as many cars on the road.

## CHALLENGING THE CRITICS

British Rail's fares and charges are higher than other railways in Europe. Critics can (and do) cite overmanning and other inefficient uses of resources as the main reason for this.

They are wrong.

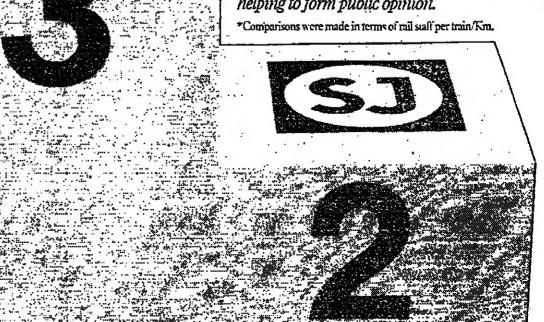
The main reason for high charges is that British Rail is expected to operate with a far greater self-financing ratio than any other major railway in Western Europe.

By continuing to improve productivity, British Rail can remove a major excuse for ignoring the real problem facing the railways-the need for a realistic financial framework.

Increased investment will achieve further improvements in productivity and thus raise public confidence in the economics of the rail business.

And secure the right role for the railways in the wealth creating process.

This is one of a series of advertisements designed to increase public acvareness of the position of the railways in the national transport system and also in the life of the community as a whole. While the facts and figures contained in these advertisements are known and appreciated by those directly concerned in shaping the future, an industry as much in the limelight as ours has a duty to address itself to a wider audience, which needs to be well informed if it is to play its part in helping to form public opinion.



This is the age of the train

## Señor Suárez in strong position to face critics From Harry Debelius Madrid, Jan 20

The confident survivor of two general elections, a vote of censure and a vote of confid-ence, Senor Adolfo Suárez, the Prime Minister, is expected to party apparatus of his tre Democratic Union (UCD) when the party holds its econd congress next week in

Palma de Mallorca. As the congress draws closer, it becomes more apparent that critics in his party have no secretary-general through the expedient of separating the party leadership from the Prime Minister's office. The critics are in the minority and the most they can expect to gain from the congress is a sympa-

While there is widespread concern within the party that voters are losing interest, there is reluctance at the top to heed the critical sector, which is conservative than the main body. At the congress it may be possible to determine whether such reticence is the result of sound judgment about the attitudes of the electorate or whether it is merely a recur-rence of the phobia on the part of Senor Suarez and his closest advisers towards adopting any position which might recall their previous loyalty to the

The challenge from the right within the party comes mainly from the Christian-Democrat sector; and it has had the effect of closing the ranks between the left and centre

Some of the more pragmatic members of the Prime Minis ter's party realize that accom modation of the right must be effected within the UCD; otherwise the conservatives and the voters who support them could easily drift to the Popular Alliance (AP) headed by a former Interior Minister and ambassador to London, Profes-

sor Manuel Fraga Iribarue. The Madrid Government's deputy in the Basque country Señor Marcelino Creja, one ol the founders of the "Tacito" group of Christian Democrat reformists, which burst on the political scene in the latter days

of the Franco regime, is tipped as a potential peacemaker, since he shares the right-wing rehels' ambition to democratize the internal structure of the party without sharing their wish to replace Señor Suarez. Señor Rudolfo Martin Villa, the Minister for Territorial Administration, held "private conversations" in the Basque capital of Vitoria last weekend with Scoor Orejs. A pro-Suárez man, Señor Martin Villa probable has mara political strength ably has more political strength in the coming congress than any other leader of the party.

## Threat of ban forces black newspapers to close in S Africa

Johannesburg, Jan 20

South Africa's two most popular black newspapers, The Post (Transvaal) and The Sunday Post, have been forced to close down because the Government has threatened to ban them if they resume publi-

Both papers ceased publication last October when editorial staff, members of the black union Media Workers' Association of South Africa, went on strike in support of colleagues involved in a labour dispute on The Cape Herald newspaper.

When the strike ended just

When the strike ended just when the strike enter last before Christmas, the Government told The Post owners, the Argus Publishing Company, that registration of the papers had lapsed under the terms of the Internal Security Act.

Today the company was informed by Mr Christiaan Heunis, the Interior Minister, that although the Government could not by law prevent the publishers from applying for

publishers from applying for registration, it would ban the papers if this was done.

Mr Hal Miller, managing director of Argus, said the Government had told him it had decided some time ago to ban the two newspapers, but the decision had not been implemented because the strike had kept the papers off the streets. No reason was given for the decision.

Because of the strike, regis-

Because of the strike, registration of the newspapers had lapsed. Argus applied immediately either for the Government to condone the lapse in registration or for the papers to be registered.

Mr Miller said the company had decided not to proceed with the application for registration because "we see no point in making a futile gesture by in-

sisting on registration and then submitting to the injustice of actual banning".

This is the second time in just over three years that the son, editor of the Sunday Ex-Government's axe has fallen on what is the only effective mass medium of black opinion in South Africa. The Post had an average daily circulation of press freedom.

El Salvador

attack

stopped by Russia 112,000 with an estimated 907,000 readers. The Sunday Post had a circulation of about 118,000 and an estimated readership of 1,200,000.

The two papers' predecessors, The World and Weekend World, were banned in October, 1977, along with 16 Black Consciousness premierations. Shortly

Although The Post was not as outspoken as The World had been, it nevertheless stood firmly in support of black interests and was often robust in its criticism of the Government's race policies.

The editor of The Post and The Sunday Post was Mr Percy. Qoboza who had previously been in charge of The World. He spent several months in detention after the latter paper was banned. Last week Mr

was banned. Last week Mr Qoboza, who is presently in the United States, announced that he was resigning as the editor of the Post papers.

The closing of the two papers was widely condemned today. Bishop Desmond Turu, general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, said he was distressed that the Govern

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ment still refused to learn that

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come at a time when a full-

Several commentators noted that the Government's stand has

moderates ".

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Jan 20

whaling

Commercial

In a significant step towards a total ban on commercial whaling, the Russians have announced that their fishing fleet in the Far East has stopped whaling and converted its flottlilas into floating fish sciousness organizations. Shortly before their closure Mr. James Kruger, the then Minister of Justice, had complained about a leading article in The World about the death in police detention of Mr. Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader.

Although The Peer was Int.

processing bases.

The Russians, together with the Japanese, are the only two countries still engaged in whaling on a large scale, and both have come under strong pressure from conservationists at international whaling conference.

Tass announced last week that the Soviet Fleet in the Far East, the principal base for the country's fishing industry, would henceforth catch only "several" whales each year, to satisfy the needs of the few inhabitants of the extreme north-east of Siberia.

The han is part of an exten-

The ban is part of an exten-sive programme for nature conservation. Vast tracts of the almost uninhabited Kamcharka Peninsula, the island of Sakhalin and the region around Vladivostok have been proclaimed reservations and sanctuaries complementing the first tuaries, complementing the first Soviet maritime reservation in Peter the Great Bay, off Vladivostok.

The far eastern centre of the Soviet Academy of Science is drafting guidelines for putting into effect in Siberia the new national decrees on conserva-tion over the next 10 years, while local authorities have sharply increased their appro-

ment still refused to learn that banning a newspaper would "not ban the thoughts and feelings of the masses".

The Argus-owne Star said that the government's action would "not freeze the political turmoil in the townships, nor will it give any government more time to find a solution. Instead the move will aid extremits and discomfort many priations for nature protection.
Recently the Russians announced that, thanks to a ban on hunting in the Bering Sea and the far north, the walrus population of the east Siberian seas has multiplied two and a half times over the past twenty years. Scientists are making aerial surveys to determine the true numbers. In the northern seas of the Arctic region the hunting of seals and sea animals is already

subject to strict quotas, and satellite photography is used to see that they are enforced. Leading article, page 15

He said the Prime Minister had

repeated government undertak-ings to discuss the question of

Despite Mr Walesa's appeal not to strike the Solidarity executive today called on its members not to work this Satur-

free Saturdays.



Taking the oath: Watched by his wife, Mr Reagan is sworn in as the next President.

## Mr Reagan uses words of Kennedy

Continued from page 1

Mr Reagan, we are taid, wrote much of his speech him-self after studying those de-livered by his predecessors. One passage was a striking reprise of John Kennedy's inaugural speech, another used key words

from Jimmy Carter's.

"Freedom and the dignity of the individual have been more available and assured here than in any other place on earth. The price for this freedom has at times been high, but we have never been unwilling to pay that price."

that price."

That was a close paraphrase of Kennedy. A moment later, addressing Americans directly, calling them heroes, he said:

"We shall reflect the compassion that is so much a part of your make-up. How can we love our country and not love our countrymen? And loving them, reach out a hand when they fall, heal them when they are sick, and provide opportunity to make them self-sufficient so they will be equal not just in theory." That was pure Carter.

Carter. him to keep relations with the Mr Reagan also paraphrased Nationalist Chinese Govern-

Winston Churchill, this time ment on Taiwan unofficial. naming his source. "I did not take the oath I have just taken

take the oath I have just taken with the intention of presiding over the dissolution of the world's strongest economy."

After the ceremony, President Reagan and Vice-President Eush attended a dinner in the Capitol building offered by Congress, and former President Carter left for Plains, Georgia. He was welcomed home by a street party arranged by townspeople and left two hours later.

He returned to Washington,

He returned to Washington, to join the delegation that is flying to Wiesbaden tonight to meet the hostages Soviet greeting: President Leonid Brezhnev sent a telegram of congratulations to President Reagan on his inaugu-ration and called for "-construc-tive cooperation" between the United States and Soviet Union (UPI reports from Moscow).
Chinese reminder: Mr ZhaoZivang, the Chinese Premier,
sent a telegram to the new President apparently reminding

Moment of truth for Mr Reagan at

"During your renure of office, the relations between office, the relations between Chica and the United States will continue to develop and the traditional friendship between our two great peoples will grow in strength steadily on the basis of both sides firmly abiding by the principles of the communique on the establishment of diplomatic relations. lishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries"

he said

The United States severed relations with Taiwan when it established diplomatic relations with China on January 1, 1979.
In other messages of congratulations, President Sandro Pertini of Italy said: "The duties which you are confronting are the roof serious and ing are the most serious and your responsibility is and will be before the eyes of not only your people but also the entire world."

President Giscard D'Estaing of France said: At the moment of your accession to the presidency of the United States, I send you my warmest wishes for the success in your high

## Soviet fury at Japan's islands claim

Moscow, Jan 20
The Soviet Foreign Ministry today called in the Japanese Ambassador to protest at Japan's decision to proclaim February 7 the "Day of the Northern Territories", as part of the country's campaign for the return of the South Kurile the return of the South Kurile islands, occupied by the Russians since the end of the Second World War.

constituted "untriendly actions" towards the Soviet Union. They were seen in Moscow as a deliberate\_attempt aggravate Soviet-Japanese relations. A Tass report said

The ministry statement said Japan had to understand that whatever steps it took "artificially to stir up the non-existent territorial issue", the Soviet stand was unchanged. It added, in a dismissive declaration that does much to explain why Japanese relations with the Sovier Union are now so bad:

"No territorial issue exists in

repeatedly stated by the Soviet side to Japanese leaders.

The establishment of good neighbourly relations with the Soviet Union, rather than the laying of groundless territorial claims, would in the opinion of the Soviet Union, meet the interests of Japan isself and the cause of ensuring security in

Middle East tour ity under President Reagan this The EEC is to press ahead with its attempt to play an independent peace-making tole in the Middle East and at the same time to seek the support will deal a death-blow to the Community's hopes of playing

EEC sends envoy on

same time to seek the support of the new American Admini-stration for what the Commun-

At their first meeting since the Christmas break, EEC foreign ministers authorized Dr Christoph van der Klaauw,

Christoph van der Klaauw, their Dutch colleague, to undertake a new round of visits to Middle East capitals and to make an interim report to the next EEC summit meeting in Maastricht on March 23 and 24.

Dr van der Klaauw tas been asked to put what senior officials described as "a series of questions" to Arab and Israeli leaders to clarify in more detail their response to the declara-

their response to the declara-tion on the iddle East conflict issued by the EEC last June in

The Americans have hitherto

ity is trying to do.

an effective role. Although France and one or might want to press on even in the face of strong American opposition, it appears that the majority, including Britain, would regard such a policy as empty posturing serving na practical purpose.

practical purpose.

Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, who was one of the main authors of the Venice declaration, is understood to take the view that a large part of the EEC's value to the Arabs in the Middle East conflict is the influence the Community can bring to bear in Washing, ton, He will be visiting the American capital with Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime

Minister, on February 25. Dr van der Klaauw's sound ines will begin in mid-February with a meeting with Mr Chedi Klibi, the secretary-general of the Arab League, in The Hague. He will then set off for Israel where he also hopes to visit the occupied Arab territories.

Venice.

A first sounding of reaction was undertaken last August and September by Mr Gaston Thorn. In one of his last tasks as Foreign Minister of Luxembourg. Mr Thorn has since taken over the presidency of the European Commission from Mr Roy Jenkins.

Dr van der Klaauw's mission is seen largely as a holding operation, to keep Arab interest in the EEC's diplomatic activities alive, until such time as the attitude of the new United States Government has clarified.

The Americans have hitherto Octubing Arab territories.

Other stops on Dr van derKlaauw's tour will be Egynt,
Saudi Arabia, lordan, Syria,
Lebanon, Iran, Kuwait, Algeria,
Morocco, Tunisia, Bahrain,
Oatar and the United Arab'
Emirates, He will also visit
Washington and have ralks with Washington, and have talks with

PLO leaders.
Wall of silence: An investigation into the killing of three Senegalese United Nations soldiers in south Lebanon had run up against a "wall of silence", a United Nations spokesman said today (Reuter reports from

The Americans have hitherto said that they consider the Camp David talks between Egypt and Israel as the only workable approach to a peace settlement. They disagree with the EEC that the Palestine Liberation Organization needs to be actively involved. settlement. They disagree with the EEC that the Palestine Liberation Organization needs to be actively involved

It is already clear that if the studied coolness of the outgoing Carter regime to the EEC initiative turns into open hostil-

# From Our Own Correspondent

Second World War.

In the latest intensification in Moscow's war of words with Tokyo, the Russians also protested against what they called Japanese propaganda on the territorial issue. The ambassador was told that this government's plans to and his Government's plans to include the question of the

northern territories in the Japanese school curriculum constituted "unfriendly

Foreign Ministry warned the ambassador that Japan was undermining the positive results in Soviet-Japanese relations. and the Soviet Union would draw the "appropriate con-clusions."

relations between the Soviet Union and Japan This has been

the Far East and the whole of Asia."

## **Blood** feud fear over Knesset seat

From Moshe Brilliant

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Tel Aviv, Jan 20
Shaikh Jaber Muadi, a Druse, defied warnings of a blood feud between Beduin and Druse and took his seat in the Knesset (Parliament) this afternoon in place of Shaikh Hammad Abu Rabia, the murdered Bedulesder leader. Shaikh Abu Rabia, who was

shot dead in Jerusalem last week, had reneged on a pre-election undertaking to vacate of the Druse. Members of the Abu Rabia tribe suspect that this was the motive of the assassination. Three Druse from Yirka, Shaikh Jaber's village in Gallilee, were being held by

police as suspects.

Israel officials last week persuaded elders of the Abu Rabia tribe to put off their blood vengeance required by their tradition until police comever, the Bedu elders said their ogreement would not hold if Shaikh Jaber takes Shaikh Abu

with the Labour Alignment and the party attempted to dissuade Shaikh Jaber from taking his seat at this time. He insisted, however, that yielding would imply an acknowledgement of

guilt.
The Knesset Speaker interrupted today's debate to administer the pledge of loyalty to the new deouty. Contrary to Knesset tradition, nobody shook Shaikh Jaber's hand as he was guided by an usher to his seat. Israelis believe the danger of a blood feud between two or a blood fend between two
communities was very real.

Mr Benny Gur-Aryah, the
Prime Minister's adviser on
minority affairs, visited Abu
Rabia elders last week and persuaded them that a vendenta against the Druse would be

folly. He said the Druse people had opposed the killing of Shaikh Abu Rabia and Shaikh Jaber was, moreover, a con-troversial figure in the com-

## on guerrillas El Paisnal, El Salvador, Jan 20.—Government forces in El Salvador counter-attacked leftist guerrillas in an attempt to thwart any big onslaught to coincide with Mr Ronald Reagan's inauguration in Wash-

The authorities say the guer-

Official sources say the Army is advancing on the guerrillas' rural strongholds. An under-ground hideout for 150 people was captured by the Army yesterday near the village of El Paisnal. Fifteen guerrillas and four soldiers were killed.-

#### Muhammad Ali talks man out of suicide

Los Angeles, Jan 20. — Muhammad Ali, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, pulled a man, apparently intending to commit suicide, from a ledge on the ninth floor of a building last night after talking to him for half an hour, police said.

The boxer went to the build-

ing after a friend telephoned him to say that a 21-year-old man, who was not identified, was standing on the ledge and asking to see the former cham-pion.—Reuter.

## Solidarity officials reject Walesa appeal to work cized for holding talks with Mr Pinkowski, said that the talks were for the workers' benefit.

Gdansk, Jan 20.-Mr Lech Walesa, the Polish trade union leader, urged members of his Solidarity organization today not to strike for work-free Saturdays and said he would hold the Government responsible for any further clash over

the issue.
Mr Walesa was reporting to
the organization's national consultative commission on what he rilias, who launched an offensive 10 days ago to topple the country's civilian-military junta, are angered by the renewal of United States military aid to El Salandor.

frontation. It was his first public speech in Poland since he returned, yesterday from a six-day visit to Italy and the Vatican. In his absence, regional branches of Solidarity drew up plans for to press for a 40-hour, five-day the meat rand working week.

Mr Walesa, who was criti. Presse.

From Jacqueline Reditt Seoul, Jan 20 The South Korean Supreme Court will rule on Friday on

before he places his fate in the hands of President Chun Doo Hwan who will have to decide whether the politician, who is 50, will be hanged.

In a motion passed in Gdansk today, it was recommended that workers strike on Saturday. It nized. Solidarity members could work certain Saturdays to permit the recovery of the Polish Solidarity is also seeking in-

creased access to the media, the freeing of seven "politi-cal prisoners" and changes in the meat rationing system.—

Reuter and Agence France-

## Mr Kim's final appeal

an appeal against the death sentence on Mr Kim Dae Jung, the leading South Korean dissident, Mr Kim's lawyers said today. This will be the former presi-dential candidate's final appeal

his showing against the late President Park Chung-Hee, in the last direct presidential elec-tion in 1971. But after the student rioting last May, the military imposed martial law throughout the country and Mr Kim was among the first to be detained. While he was in jail, the authorities accused him of fomenting a civilian uprising in the southern provincial capital

The court martial found him guilty in September of member-ship of a communist organiza-tion favouring North Korea and Nine months ago, Mr Kim ship of a communist organize was regarded as a potential fior favouring North Korea at future president on the basis of of attempting an insurrection

the presidential inaugural gala the next President and first sat on a raised dats in two blue From Michael Leapman ...

hour inaugural gala, the presidential equivalent of a Royal Command variety performance, Mr Ronald Reagan stepped on to the stage at Washington's Capitol Centre, the indoor sports stadium where the gala

He disclosed to the 19,000 spectators that many friends had asked him in the past few days whether the fact of becoming President had really sunk

"Tonight", he said, "there was was a point in the programme where I leaned over to her [his wife Nancy] and said:

Maddeningly, he did not reveal what that point was. It could have been when Rich Little, the American answer to Mike Yarwood, did a fine impersonation of him. Or when one of a number of old-time crooners made cute alterations to turn them into tributes to

New York, Jan 20 lady.

At the end of last night's two-hour inaugural gala, the president formula in the president formul

of them all, reflected the madventurous conservatism which has already become the hallmark of the new President. It was filled with moments of cloying sentimentality that only Americans know how to carry off withour self-consciousness. Ethel Merman, the singer, who at 72 is even older than Mr Reagan, set the tone with some changes to the words of "Everything's coming up-

"You'll be swell", she trilled,
"You'll be great"—and in a
later verse: "You've got nothing to do but relax." Mr Reagan was certainly doing that,
laughing broadly at the jokes
about the Carters, about Mr
George Bush, the Vice-President, and about jelly-beans dent, and about jelly-beans—the laughing face." to "Nancy which, as all the world knows with the Reagan face." a less by now, are Mr Reagan's attractive lyric. Nancy Reagan favourite food. He and Mrs Reagan, in a black gown with a regal train,

You'll be swell ", she trilled,

in evening clothes standing behind each of them. The first ccuple looked like the king and queen in Hamilet, watching the players.
Patriotic moments abounded

prmchairs, a secret service man

appropriately, though it was probably a mistake to ask Marie Osmond, who has diffi-culty in pronouncing the letter r, to sing "America, arise again". Another piece of high emo-

tion came when America's only surviving five-star general, Omar Bradley, who is nearly 88 and chairbound, was wheeled on to the stage by James Stewart, the actor. Frank Sinarra occupied the last quarter of an hour, singing about Chicago and New York

[why are there no popular songs about Washington, DC?] and inexplicably altering "Nancy with the laughing face" to "Nancy Sinatra an elegant kiss. It had sunk in.

# Rabia's Knesser seat. Both Shaikhs were associated

# We must act today in order to preserve tomorrow, President declares

augural address was as follows: text of President Reagan's in-

To a few of us here today this is a solemn and most momentous occasion and yet in the history of our nation it is a commonplace The orderly transfer of authority as called for in the constitution takes place, as it has for almost two centuries, and few of us stop

two centuries, and few of us stop to think how unique we really are. In the eyes of many in the world, this every-four-year ceremony we accept as normal is nothing less than a miracle.

Mr President, I want our fellow-cidzens to know how much you did to carry on this tradition. By your gracious cooperation in the transition process you have shown a watching world that we are a united people, pledged to maintaining a political system which guarantees individual liberty to a greater degree than any other. Thank you and your people for all your help in maintaining the continuity which is the hallmark of our republic.

The business of our nation goes

of our republic.

The business of our nation goes forward. These United States are confronted with an economic affliction of great proportions. We suffer from the longest and one of the worst-sustained inflations in our national history, which distorts our economic decisions, penalizes thrift and crushes the struggling young and the fixed-income elderly alike. It threatens to shatter the lives of millions of our people.

Idie industries have cast workers unemployment, causing misery and personal in-Those who do work are a fair return for their and keeps us from maintaining full special interest group that has

productivity. But great as our tax burden is, it has not kept pace with public spending. For decades we have pited deficit upon deficit, mortgaging our future and our children's future for the temporary convenience of the present. To continue this long trend is to guarantee tremendous social, cultural, political and economic upheavals.

You and L as individuals, can.

wheavals.

You and I. as individuels, can,
by borrowing, live beyond our
means for only a limited period
of time. Why should we think
that collectively, as a nation, we
are not bound by that same
limitation? We must act today in order to preserve comorrow, and let there be no misunderstanding—we are

going to act, beginning today.

The economic ills we suffer have come upon us over several decades. They will not go away in days, weeks or months, but they will go away because we, as Americans, have the capacity now, as we have had in the past, to do whatever needs to be done to preserve this last and greatest bashon of freedom.

In this present crisis governgoing to act, beginning today. In this present crisis, govern-ment is not the solution, it is the

problem.

From time to time we have been tempted to believe that society has become too complex to be managed by self-rule; that government by an elite group is superior to government of, by and for the people. Well, if no one among us is capable of governing himself, then who among us has the capacity to govern someone else?

All of us together—in and out govern someone else?

All of us together—in and out of covernment — must bear the borden. The solutions, we seek must be equitable, with no one

group singled out to pay a higher Our concern must be for a

political party lines.

It is made up of men and women who raise our food, patrol our streets, man our mines and factories, teach our children, keep our homes and heal us when we are sick. They are professionals, industrialists, shopkeepers, clerks, cabbles and truck drivers. They are, in short, "we, the people." Our objective must be a healthy, vigorous, growing economy that provides equal opportunities for all Americans, with no borriers borne of bigotry or discrimination. Putting America back to work.

back to work.

Ending inflation means freeling all Americans from the terror of rumaway living costs. All must share in the productive work of this "new beginning", and all must share in the bounty of a revived economy. With the idealism and fair play which are the core of our strength, we can have a strong, prosperous America at peace with liself and the world.

As we begin, let us take inven-As we begin, let us take inventory. We are a nation that has a government—not the other way around. And this makes us special among the nations of the Larth. Our government has no power except that granted it by the people. It is time to check and reverse the growth of government, which shows signs of having grown beyond the consent of the governed.

It will be my intention to carb.

federal government.

So there will be no misunderstanding, it is not my intention to do away with government, it is rather to make it work—work with us, not over us—to stand by our side, not over us—to stand by our side, not or ride on our back. Idea who wealth a opportunity, not smother it; foster productivity, not stifle it.

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productivity, not stille it.

If we look for the answer as to why for so many years we achieved so much, prospered as no other people on earth, it was because here in this land we unleashed the energy and individual genius of man to a greater extent than had ever been done before. Freedom and the dignity of the individual have been more avail-able and assured here than in any other place on earth. The price for this freedom has at times been high, but we have never been un-willing to pay that price.

It is no coincidence that our present troubles parallel the inter-vention and intrusion in our lives that have resulted from unneces-sary and excessive growth of gov-ernment.

We are too great a nation to limit ourselves to small dreams. We are not, as some would have us believe, doomed to an inevitable decline. I do not believe in a fate that will fall on us, no matter what we do. I do believe in a fate that will fall on us if we do nothing. So, with all the creative energy at our command, let us begin an era of national renewal. Let us

governed.

It will be my intention to curb the size and influence of the federal establishment, and to demand recognition of the distinction between the powers granted to the federal government and those reserved to the states or to the people. All of us need to be reminded that the federal government did not create the

enough to feed all of us, and much of the world beyond.

You meet heroes acroes a counter—ou both sides of that counter. There are entreprendurs with faith in themselves and an idea who create new jobs, new wealth and opportunity. They are individuals and families whose taxes support the government and whose woluntary gifts support church charity, culture, art, and education. Their patriotism is quiet but deep. Their values sustain our national life.

I have used the words "they" and "their" in speaking of these heroes. I could say "you" and "their" in speaking of these heroes. I could say "you" and "their beause I am addressing the heroes of whom I speak—you, the citizens of this blessed land. Your dreams, your hopes, your goals are going to be the dreams, the hopes and goals of this administration, so help me God.

We shall reflect the compassion that is so much a part of your country and not love our country-men? And loving them, reach out a hand when they fall, heal them when they are sick and provide opportunity to make them self-sufficient so they will be equal in fact and not just in theory?

Can we solve the problems confirming us? The answer is an our own land, we will be seen on the problems confirming us? The answer is an addressing the country and not love our country-men? And loving them, reach out a hand when they fall, heal them when they are sick and provide opportunity to make them self-sufficient so they will be equal in fact and not just in theory?

Can we solve the problems confirming us? The answer is an addressing the reverse of our shruendly be no compromise.

On the eve of our struggle for independence a man who might have been one of the greatest among the founding fathers if he had not given his life on Bunker thill, Dr. Joseph Warren, president of the Massachusetts Congress, said to his fellow Americans. Our country is in danger, but not to be despaired of . . on you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important questions on which rest the happiness and liberty for o much of the world beyond.
You meet heroes across a counter—on both sides of that

equal in 1act and not just in theory?

Can we solve the problems confronting us? The answer is an unequivocal and empbute yes. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, I did not take the oath I have just taken with the intendon of presiding over the dissolution of the world's strongest economy.

In the days ahead I will propose removing a number of the road-blocks that have slowed our croremoving a number of the road-blocks that have slowed our eco-momy and reduced productivity. Steps will be taken aimed at restoring the balance between the various levels of government. Progress will be slow—measured in inches and feet, not miles—but we will r we will progress. It is time to or ever.

means, and to lighten our puni-

beacon of hope for those who do not now have freedom.

To those neighbours and alties who share our ideal of freedom, we will strengthen our historic ties and assure them of our support and firm commitment. We will match loyalty with loyalty. We will strive for mutually benficial relations. We will not use our friendship to impose on their sovereignty, for our own sovereignty is not for sale.

To the enemies of freedom, to those who are noteorial adver-

To the enemies of freedom, to those who are potential adver-saries, they will be remained that peace is the highest aspiration of the American people. We will negotiate for it, sacrifice for it we will not surrender for it, now

conflict should not be misjudged as a failure of will. When action is required to preserve our national security, we will act. We will maintain sufficient strength to prevail, if need be, knowing that if we do so we have the best chance of not having to use that strength.

Above all, we must realize no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men

world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not lave. It is a weapon that we as Americans do have. Let that be understood by those who practise terrorism and prey upon their neighbours.

I am told that tens of thousands of prayer meetings are being bald.

of prayer meetings are being held on this day, and for that I am deeply grateful. We are a nation under God, and I believe God intended for us to be free. It would be fitting and good if each inaugural day should be a day of prayer. augural day should be a day of prayer. This is the first time in our history that this ceremony has been held on the west front of the Capitol building. Standing here, we face a magnificent vista, opening up on this city's special beauty and history. At the end of this open mall are those shrings to the glants on whose shoulders we stand.

Directly in front of me, the

Directly in front of me, the monument to a monumental man. George Washington, father of our country. A man of humility who came to greatness reluctantly. He led America out of revolutionary victory into infant nationhood.

Off to one side, the stately memorial to Thomas Jefferson. The Declaration of Independence flames with his eloquence. And then beyond the reflecting pool, the dignified columns of the Lincoln Memorial. Whoever would

understand in his heart the mean-ing of America will find it in the life of Abraham Lincoln. life of Abraham Lincoln.

Beyond these monuments to heroism is the Potomac River, and on the far shore the sloping hills of Arlington National Cemetery, with its row upon row of simple white markers with crosses and Stars of David, adding up to only a tiny fraction of the price that has been paid for our freedom.

Each one of those markers it a monument to the kind of hero I spoke of earlier. Their lives ended in places called Belleau Wood, the Argonne, Omaha Beach, Salerno. in places called Belleau Wood, the Argonne, Omaha Beach, Salerno, and half way round the world, on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Pork Chopellil, the Chosin Reservoir, and in a hundred rice paddles and jungles of a place called Vietnam. Under such a marker lies a young man—Martin Treptow—who left his job in a small town barber shop in 1917 to go to France with the famed Rainbow Division. There, on the Western Front, he was killed trying to carry a message between hat-

Front, he was killed trying to carry a message between hattailons under heavy artillery fire.

We are told that on his body was found a diary. On the flyleaf under the heading, "My pledge," he had written these words: "America must win this war. Therefore I will work, I will save, I will save, I will save, I will save, I will fight cheerfully and do my utnost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone." alone."

The crisis we are facing today

does not require the kind of sacrifice that Mortin Treptow and so many thousands of others were called upon to make. It does. however, require our best effort our work and our willingness to believe in ourselves and in our capacity to perform great deeds. That, together and with God's help, we can and will resolve the problems which confront us.
Why shouldn't we believe that?
After all—we are Americans.

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## Embassy elation turns | EEC to lift OUI to apprehension

From Ian Murray Algiers, Jan 20

Throughout a long nail-biting day officials at the American any officials at the American Embassy battled to keep smiling as the frustrating details of the long series of delays came through from Iran. After the elation of yesterday when Mr Warren Christopher, the Deputy Secretary of State, signed the agreements which were meant to bring about the release of the hostages, the mond slowly changed to apprehension.

After a relaxed afternoon yesterday Mr Christopher had been told of difficulties being raised over the financial arrangements and immediately

the second entered ab Length The lit hostages were being released. The experts worked in the details throughout the evening and into the early morning and ir was not until 3 am that Mr Embassy for his bed at the British Residence.

Mr Christopher snatched tirce hours sleep and left shortly before 9 am in the big cream embassy car for the Foreign Ministry and a long session with Mr Muhammad Benyahia, the Algerian Foreign Minister.

Worried that any leak of information might upser the release of the hostages, none of the Algerian, American or

as delay follows delay and ministers has become a matter of great national pride. matter of great national pride. The newspapers, El Moudjahid, leads proudly today on the news of the agreement with stories headlined "President Carter renders homage to Algeria," and "The most spectacular of modern times". People in the street stopped fournalists, wearing the special

journalists, wearing the special pass issued by the Ministry of Information, and asked for the latest news. "It is a great moment for our country," rhey say. "We are so proud and happy that they are coming here."

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cern from people making inquiries. "We do hope nothing is going wrong," they say. "Do tell us they will still be coming

At the American Embassy the one person oozing confidence and good humour has been Mrs Yolande Haines, the Ambassador's wife, a Haitian and former Paris fashion model. She runs the cash desk in the embassy canteen adjoinin the embassy canteen adjoin-ing the courtyard at the front of the building. There she makes out the chits for the beers, the steaks and the coffee consumed by the press corps and embassy staff in growing quantities. quantities.

At the airport the domestic British experts were prepared to say anything.

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British experts were prepared arrival area allocated to receive the hostages, has been blocked off with railings for the past to say anything... the hostages, has been blocked
The Algerians grew increasingly worried. For the people of the Democratic and of television and radio techniPopular Republic of Algeria the cians allowed through

## Britain sends two more diplomats to Tehran

By David Spanier

Diplomatic Correspondent Two Diplomats bave flown out from London to Tebran to strengthen the British interests section of the Swedish Embassy there, the Foreign Office

announced yesterday.

The British complement is now four : Mr Edmund Barratt, a First Secretary, who has been in Tehran throughout the recent crisis, joined by Mr David Brett, an Administrative Officer in November, and now Mr Christopher Rundle, a First Secretary, and Mr Robert Mansfield, a Third Secretary, who

was in the British Embassy before it was shut down last The reason for increasing the diplomats is far from signalling size of the British interests a return to "full friendship" section, the Foreign Office said, with Iran, or even normal relations.

the two diplomats was not connected with the release of the American hastoges, or with the four British citizens in detention. Naturally the freeing of receded.

the four Britons remains their

first priority. On his retrn tou London from Brussels last night, Lord Car-rington said that if economic sanctions were removed, there would be much more for British diplomats to do in Tehran. The increase in British representation we salso designed to help the four detainees.

He very much hoped that after the expression of support of the European Community, the Iranians woul dapprepriate the strength of European feel-ing on the matter, and release they knew to be innocent.

rights. But the risk of British diplomats being seized as seemed quite possible at one time, is now judged to have



Final hurdle: Mr Carter, in almost his last act as President, signs the document that finally secured freedom for the

## Sterling rise anticipates move of unfrozen funds

wil he diversified into sterling. In fairly quiet tradin git rose 1.25 cents to close at \$2.4195, after touching \$2.4250 early in

year peak reached in the first wee kof November.

The dollar was fairly steady The pound folowed Monday's rapid ascent against the dollar with further gains yesterday, amid speculation that part of Iran's unfrozen dollar assets wil be diversified into station of Iran's dollar holdings. of Iran's dollar holdings.

The overall steadiness of the dollar reflects market views that Iran is unlikely to diversify out of dollars on a large scale.
Its effective exchange rate it is pointed out that Iran needs dollars to engage in interindex, measured against a needs dollars to engage in inter-basket of currencies, ended the day at 80.2—matching the five debts. In addition, high dollar interest rates make holding the American currency attractive.

# sanctions imposed last

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Jan 20 EEC Foreign Ministers today welcomed the "release safe and sound" of the American hos-

tages and said that the trade and economic sanctions imposed by the Community on Iran last May were "no longer called

In a separate statement, at the request of Lord Carrington, the British Foreign Secretary, the ministers also said they were looking to the Iranian authorities "to accelerate the release" of the three British missionaries and a businessman held without observed. held without charge.

Lord Carrington has made it clear that he regards the prob-lem of the British detainees as being separate from that posed by the American hostages, to whose fate the trade sanctions were specifically related.

Arms sales to Iran are regarded by the EEC as coming in a different category from general trade, and member states will decide individually what to do. In Britain's case any Iranian In Britain's case any Iranian requests for arms or spare parts will be considered, on their merits, but it is most likely that they would be met so long as the four British citizens are held and tran continues. and Iraq continues.

The trade sanctions against Iran never had much more than symbolic effect since they applied only to export contracts concluded after November 4, 1979—the day when the hostages were seized. Even that limited degree of retroactive application was reneged on by Britain because of a revolt by the House of Commons.

The sauctions thus conveniently left untouched the bulk of current trade with Iran, which in any case had fallen to a low level because of the disruption caused by the Iranian revolu-tion. Despite sanctions Principle tion. Despite sanctions British trade with Ivan in the first 11 months of 1980 was n fact 70 per cent higher at £368m than in the same period of 1979.

Aside from lifting trade sanctions, the Community will also restore normal diplomatic relations and the visa require-ment introduced for Iranians wishing to visit EEC countries will also be withdrawn.

The ministers said that they had always fully respected the independence of Iran and the right of its people to determine



A yellow ribbon being tied round an old oak tree outside an American hospital in Wiesbaden, as urged by the old soldiers' song, to show the returning hostages that their girls still loved them.

#### Family liaison group keeps spirits high

Washington, Jan 20. -Founded as a self-help group for families of the American hosctages in Iran, the Family Liaison Action Group (FLAG) has developed into a corporation with offices in Washington, a board of directors, a newsletter and a sizeable bank account.

"Having this organization creates the emotional bond that all families share with each other," Mrs Louisa Kennedy, who helped to found the organization last March, said: It made it easier "to keep your

chin up".

FI.AG's purpose is to help
the families of the 52 American hostages, to keep them in-formed of recent developments, to help them to deal with the news media, to answer their questions and keep them abreast of hostage ceremonies and events
The office receives 80 calls

a day from civic groups and institutions that want to do something to help. Since last summer the organization has raised more than \$150,000 (more than £65,000) from

## Retaliation by Washington caused hardship for ayatollah's enemies

can retaliation for the seizure of the embassy staff in Tehran brought hardship for many of the 250,000 Iranians living in

the United States.
Yet there were few instances
of violence. There was a torrear of angry words on radio talk shows, which have become America's safety valve. There was som eridicule of all things

By and large, the 250,000 Iranians in the United States lived in peace. Even the few thousand who used the streets of America to vent their political rage against America, were able to march in peace, if sometimes with heavy police protection.

Still, many Jranians here were affected by American actions, and some feel those actions have left a legacy of

bitterness. President Carter took action specifically intended to affect the estimated 70,000 Iranians. who were in the United States on student visas. He ordered: them to report to the Immi-

gration and Naturalization Ser-ifvice for visa checks to see if they were in the country legally. Civil liberty groups contend that there was no legal States. one nationality, but the Sup-reme Court upheld the Presi-

"It is not only a violation of civil liberties, but indictous, Mr Joseph Rauh, a vezeran civil liberties lawyer, said at the time. "If it would bring one bostage home pne minute sooner, one might consider it. But it won't bring one hostage home. You don't answer the

ourrages of the eyatoliah (Khomeini) by mistreating people in your own country." President Carter's second act was to invalidate all visas issued to ilranians for entry into the United States. Those here would not leave and come

back, separated families could not be reunited in this country. The consequence, says Mr David Carliner, an immigration lawyer, was hardship for hundreds of pro-American Iranian businessmen, professionals and government officials who, even

thrown, had fled to the United

An Iranian who wanted to go home to see his dying father, Mr Carliner said, was told it would take 45 days before he could leave if he wanted advance permission to return. Five Iranians who were Universiry of Idaho students on a field trin to Canada on the day President Carter acted were denied readmission to the United

Mr Carliner, who sots for the American Civil Liberties Union, is a member of the national advisory council of Amnesty International and author of Rights of Aliens, said the United States failed to distinguish between Iranian critics and supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Thispolicy, he said, resulted in "harsh feelings towards the United States on the part of people who are going to become the business leaders, professionals and government leaders in

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### City lawyers overcome final hitch on assets

By Roman Eisenstein Banking Correspondent

The final hitch over the American hostages was resolved yesterday thanks to the activity of a firm of City solicitors acting for Bank Markazi, the Iranian central bank.

The firm, Stephenson Har-wood who had been acting for the Iranians over the matter of blocked Iranian funds in subsidiaries of American banks in London, put forward fresh proposals on how to calculate interest on Iranian deposits.

A statement from the solici tors issued last night said that Stephenson Harwood's involve-ment in this matter arose after the Carter freeze in 1979. It acted for several Iranian bank ing clients including Bagi Markazig over the legal issue arising from the freeze of Iranian deposits.

This, says the firm, "caused serious indeed unprecedented the City of London and the international financial com-munity. The firm is very pleased that together with the other advisers concerned includ-ing several firms in the City its

work over the past days and nights has contributed to the settlement now reacted. One of the main firms of solicitors acting for the Americans is Coward Chance, another City firm. Stephenson

Harwood is one of the largest firms of solicitors in the Ciry Meanwhile, another part of the complex financial operation went smoothly vesterday. The Bank of England confirmed that billions of dollars of frozen Iranian assets had been traps an Algerian escrow account to be held on behalf of the Iranians. The funds were to be transferred to an Iranian account as soon as the hostages had been released.

#### Thatcher hope for Britons

Mrs Thatcher told the House of Commons she hoped the release of the hostages "will augur well for release of our own people".

She said the Government continually tried to secure

access to British subjects flocuding missionaries—held in Iron for five months "without any charge against them".

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And perhaps a few humorous tales of shore leave in the world's ports.

You will probably have one or two questions, and our Officer will do his level best to answer them. If he can't he will find out and let you know.

Tuesday 10 February

Be as tough on him with your questions as you like. The more you know about the Navy the better you can make up your mind about it.

To fix a time for a down-to-earth chat, check with your Careers Adviser, or write to Cdr J. Exworthy RN, Officer Entry Section (9CC1), Old Admiralty Building, Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BE. ROYAL NAVY OFFICER



American soldiers preparing to put up a welcome banner at the Rhine-Main Air Force base, West Germany, where the hostages were expected after their release from Iran.

## Embassy seizure used as weapon to destroy Iranian middle class

States.
President Saddam Husain does not even allow the Americans to maintain an embassy in the ragi capital but it was his military assault across the Shart al-Arab river towards Abadan that finally persuaded the Iranians to start serious negotiations for the release of the 57 American diplomats 52 American diplomats.

You cannot win wars without spare parts and foreign credit and so the hostages began their journey home as sole benefijourney home as sole beneficiaries of one of the decade's must be some realignment of Iran's idealistic, semi-visionary most unnecessary conflicts. Civen the events of the past fourteen and a half months, it was perhaps only fitting that a crisis which several density which several decade. crisis which served domestic political ends inside Iran more than it did any coherent inter-national policy should have ended in so mundene a way.

For if the seizure of the

United States Embassy in expelling a Soviet Embassy offi-Tehran had demonstrated Iran's contempt for American power, it became almost immediately a weapon in the hands of those who wished to destroy the ambition in Iran It was not became a large and the state of t Iranian middle classes who had played so important a part in overthrowing the monarchy.
While the United States and

most of the Western world debated the implications of transan demands for the return of the Shah and his wealth in the late autumn of 1979, they failed to realize that the embessy takeover had served

other purposes.
It broke the government of Fir Mehdi Bazargan, the gentle Americans can no longer be but almost totally ineffectual embarrassed on a daily basis. hut almost totally ineffectual Prime Minister whom Ayatollah Khomeini appointed in the aftermath of the Revolution and then, in the succeeding weeks, it destroyed much more devastically other bourgeois figures of the revolutionary struggle.

The Islamic students who of the revolutionary struggle.

The Islamic students who occupied the embassy began to from the embassy files which allegedly proved the connivance

of leading Iranian noliticians with the American CIA. Amir Entezam, the former Deputy Prime Minister in the flight of Mr Mogadam-Maraghi, the leader of the Radical Party.

The former head of Iran's nationalized oil company had to leave the country and several Majlis (Parliament) deputies were later forced to resign their seats. The incriminations stretched to the leftist parties and even, in a vague but none the less menacing way, to Ayatollah Shariat-Madari, the holy Azerbaijani rival to Ayatollah Khomeini.

From Robert Fisk

Beirut, Jan 20

One of the painful ironies of the hostages' release is that the man who really brought it about was no friend of the United States.

The embassy seizure was Ayatollah Beheshti who has by therefore used to consolidate dint of almost Machiavelian power in the hands of those principles gained control of clergy who were faithful to the man who led the revolution. The condemnation of the United States as the "Great States" and the uncomfortable president Bani-Sadr's execu-

Satan" and the uncomfortable evidence of American inter-ference in Iranian affairs— though no less genuine in its utterance or effect-was secondary to this process. The hostages helped to cleanse the Iranian revolution of its middle classes and, when they had served their purpose, it was inevitable that one day they would be released.

It is equally inevitable, now they have been freed, that there purge have already laid the foundations for this shift. Mr Sadeq Qorbzadeh, the newly retired Foreign Minister.

for example, repeatedly warned Iranians against Soviet interference in their country, brusquely expelling a Soviet Embassy offi-

by chance that the Iranians permitted Afghan demonstrat-ors to attack the Soviet Embassy compound three weeks ago.

If Iran now enters a period of self-imposed isolation, there-

fore, the Russians can expect some of the odium previously shown towards the United States to be directed at them. In this sense, the Soviet Union has become a loser now that the hostage crisis is over and the.

to go into sudden opposition.
Clearly some new instrument om the embassy files which by the religious and lay groups legedly proved the connivance jockeying for position in leading Iranian politicians ith the American CIA. They led to the arrest of Mr ties of Mao Tse-tung's in the years before his death-he is constantly reported to be weakening and ever more constantly making a robust appear-ance before his visitors—but everyone in Iran is aware that the old man is unlikely to live much longer (he is once said

to have predicted his own death by assassination in 1981). The forces now competing to fill the vacuum that he will leave are only too evident in the Revolutionary Council whose titular head—President Bani-Sadr—has little or no power over divines like

tive power when he insisted that the President's choice of Prime Minister should first gain the endorsement of his Islamic Republican Party. It is around Mr Bani-Sadr's head that the vortex of power is likely to whirl more fiercely than ever now that the hostages have gone home.

It will suit America if Mr Bani-Sadr survives this power struggle. The United States believes that lay politicians rather than the clergy can bring stability back to kran—and stability is something that both the Americans and the Russians earnestly want to see restored to the country.

Since Mr Bani-Sadr is now commander in-chief of the Army in its war against Iraq, it is equally in America's interest to have the Iranians bring the conflict in the Gulf to a speedy and successful conclusion.

Whether the United States had some hand in encouraging President Husain's ambitions (the conspiracy theory of history will inevitably maintain that it did). President Reagan is in a position to give substantial aid to Mr Bani-Sadr.

Spare parts for Iranian weapons and the Iranian Air Force's over-extended fleet of Phantom fighter-bombers would be just the first example of

Just how this help could be given is another matter. It is inconceivable that the Americans will be able to retake possession of their Tehran embassy in the near future. It is inconceivable that they would

The Stars and Stripes will not fly over Tehran for many months yet, unless the new American Administration embarks on some vengeful and unagainst Iran.

It is just possible that a neubassy could contain an American interests section and that such an office could restore and maintain the economic links between the United States and Iran without the indiscretion of icans really will have to resist the temptations of involvement in Iranian affairs but contact there will have to be as ever the Iranian clergy must be pri

If the country's devastated oilfields can be repaired by other nations, the hard currency to pay for this industrial renais sance will have to come from the United States.

## Guest Column .

# Accustomed as I have become to public speaking

hospital which bears her name one year later. Thus an obvious topic was the history of women in medicine.

The next was the annual Dame Juliet Rhys-Williams lecture to the National Birthday Trust Fund, founded in 1928 by Lady George Cholmondeley and Lady Baldwin for the improvement of maternity services, then woefully deficient. Lady Rhys-Williams was for many years its chairman and, though a lay-woman in medical terms, knew more about maternity services than most doctors.

doctors.

She was a leading figure in providing and to the women of the Rhondda Valley during the 1930s, when maternal

Dame Josephine Barnes. immediate past-president of the

British Medical Association, contributes this week's guest article.

Anyone in public life is likely to be invited to give a memorial lecture, and several have come my way. I have also had the opportunity of listening to many since, as a medical student, I heard Lord Moynihan, the distinguished surgeon, deliver the Annual Romanes Lecture at Oxford.

The invitation will be made some months before the date and there is applie time for preparation. But as the

ample time for preparation. But as the moment draws near the time for preparation gets shorter and shorter. Since most of my lectures deal with a most of my lectures deal with a medical or paramedical subject there are slides to prepare, references to check and, if the text is to be published, the text itself must be written, rewritten, checked and rehearsed. In a busy life this task is all too easily put

off until the last moment.

Several principles should guide the prospective speaker. The lecture must be the right length. Allowing for an introduction and a vote of thanks, the whole proceedings should last about

Clearly the subject should be of interest to the likely audience. In my case the listeners are likely to be either academic or medical, and some will know much more about the subject than I do. On the other hand a lay audience should not be puzzled by obscure references to abstruse medical topics. So the balance must be right. topics. So the balance must be right. The lecture must refer to the person commemorated and have some relevance to his or her life and work. I have never had the good fortune to present an original and striking advance in medicine, as for example, when Mr Patrick Steptoe gave the Jennifer Hallam Memorial Lecture last year on extra-corporeal fertilization—in lay terms, test-tube babies. But advances in medicine particularly in obstetrics and medicine, particularly in obstetrics and gynaecology, have been so notable in my lifetime that it is generally possible to find advances which have improved

their babies.

The first such lecture I was asked to Committee on abortion which reported in 1939 and which laid the foundation for the 1967 Abortion Act. She initiated surveys of maternity services and was a give was the annual Fawcett Lecture at Bedford College, London. This com-memorates Dame Millicent Fawcett, younger sister of Elizabeth Garrett

Anderson and a pioneer in securing works for women. This lecture was due near the time of the centenary of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson's qualification in medicine; she founded the hospital which bears her name one year.

The invitation to deliver the Winston Churchill Memorial Lecture at Canterbury presented problems. The lecture was to be given at the Postgraduate Medical Centre and was to deal with midwifery. Although I have read many of Sir Winston's works and of course am familiar with his remarkable life I made into a lantern slide and bequearhed to the founder of the lecture. I hope it is still used when

the lecture is given.

The next invitation came from Dublin and was to deliver the annual

pioneer in the provision of pain relief for women in childbirth. This lecture was an opportunity to trace the history and achievements of the Fund.

The invitation to deliver the Winston

could not think of anything relevant to my topic. However, Lady Spencer-Churchill kindly lent me a splendid photograph of her husband which was



Dame Josephine, relaxing at her grand plane.

mortality was soaring. She was a member of the Birkett Interdepartmental mew Mosse was the founder of the mew Mosse was the founder of the Rotunda Lying-in Hospital. I chose to

Rotunda Lying-in Hospital. I chose to talk about the teaching of obstetrics, based on what I had learnt from my own teachers.

In 1977 I was invited to give the annual Simpson Memorial Lecture. This commemorates the life and work of Sir James Young Simpson of Edinburgh, an outstanding figure in nineteenth century medicine. Physician to the Queen in Scotland, and the first doctor to use chloroform as an anaesthetic. This gave an opportunity to talk about some of an opportunity to talk about some of Simpson's contemporaries who helped to develop his ideas.

As I was preparing to go I heard on the radio that a power cut was immin-ent. The lecture had to be delivered in ent. The secture had to be delivered in almost total darkness. It was impossible to show the many slides I had prepared and to read my text I was provided with a storm santern which made it impossible to see anything else.

A similar hazard was encountered last year at the annual lecture of the Liverpool Medical Institution. A BBC television crew were filming but I was so dazzled by the lights that I could not see the screen and got in a fearful muddle with the slides.

The invitation to deliver the Sophia Lecture to the University of Newcastle upon Type this year was a considerable.

Lecture to the University of Newcastle upon Tyne this year was a considerable challenge as the first had been delivered by Dame Veronica Wedgwood. I could not hope to aspire to her erudition so I decided to talk about the medical scene as I had witnessed it under the title "Twentierh Century

Gynaecologist".

The Sophia lecture was established in memory of Ellen Sophia Bosanquer, who went up to Somerville in 1896. She married the archaeologist R. C. Bosanquet and they lived in Greece and in Liverpool, where he was Professor

of Classical Archaeology.

In paying my tribute I ended by saying that in the future I would most like to see more emphasis on preventive

It has been a tremendous honour to be invited to give these lectures. There is always the feeling that in the time available it is possible only to pay scant respect to the life and work of the person commemorated. Rather, one is revealing something of oneself, if nor as a person, at least a part of what it is possible for one person to achieve in a lifetime.

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## Social Focus

## The happy triumph of one deaf child

Two accounts were recently. It is a tremendous effort for published in The Times about a deaf child to use residual the education of handicapped hearing and lip-read conchildren. In the first, Mrs Claire Tomalin recounted her easier for him to retire into a tinsuccessful attempt to persuade the Inner London Education Authority to allow her intellectually able and his physically handicapped, mentally normal son to be education of his age, so his parents lip-reading and gesture—but system rather than in a special section when he reached school swinning class. He had to take out his hearing aids and insert ear plugs before the pressed the authority to allow he learnt. It was not long before he reschool swent up proudly in school is

The second account, from Yicee Josefina Marrero-Ardila, related her own happy and Tomalin's son, and contained a moving tribue to the skill and defication of her teachers.

Here in the Midlands a choice is available for parents of handicapped children between education in special schools or special units and education within the normal state system, backed by spe-cially trained perspectatic teachers who use a wide range of sophisticated equipment.

Giles was born with a severe hearing loss. He has some residual hearing, which can be increased by small hearing aids worn on the ears. But where hearing loss is severe too much amplification produces distortion and then pain. The hear-ing aid that he uses most successfully is a receiver strapped to bis chest which picks up the teacher's voice transmitted through a micriphone worn

The receiver can be set to receive only the teacher's voice, or the background noise within classroom and playground as well. Giles is not a deaf child whose handicap can be reduced to normality by the wearing of a hearing aid, as a poorly sighted child can have normal sight restored by wearng glasses,

Children gain an enormous amount of background experience aurally in the pre-school years, but Giles had to depend largely on his mother to interpret the world around him. With immense patience and skill, she set about teaching him to the skill years and him to speak, lip-read and communicate with others. Giles went to a nursery where there were other deaf children—end his mother had skilled specialist help there in her task of helping him to learn.

When Giles was four a dect-sion had to be taken about his

primary school. Deaf children with his degree of hearing loss are usually educated in special schools or special units, but Giles's parents wanted him to reasons were the same as Mrs Tomalin's; they felt, that Giles was being isolated from nor-mal contact with other mal contact with other children in the neighbourhood by attending a nursery on the other side of town. They did not want him to enter a special school for the deaf a special school for the deaf a long way from home where he would be taught with other children handicapped like himself. They believed that he needed to live in an environmenr of hearing people to have the stimulus to make the most of his residual hearing.

school when he reached school

age. The authority agreed, and Giles entered class in his local school with successful education at the the other four-year-olds in the special school attended by Mrs neighbourhood. Three times a week a peripatetic teacher of the deaf came to the school and gave him special tuition for 75 minutes. She brought the electronic aids that can help deaf children so much; she brought her own special know-ledge and skills, and she was ledge and skills, and she was available to help, advise and reassure his class teacher, who

> ence of teaching deaf children.
> The class teacher in turn
> could inform the peripatetic
> teacher of the kind of work that had been done in class, the areas where Giles seemed to need extra help or extra back-ground knowledge, or aspects of work that had interested him

had had no previous experi-

particularly.

Like other four-year-olds Giles was expected to adapt gradually to having less adult attention than a toddler, to being part of a larger social class teacher with nearly 30 other children; he had to share toys and equipment in class; he had to share the playground with bigger children. We found he was accepted by the other children as one of themselves, and he learne to accept himself as one of a group of normal children. He made friends with other children who lived near him, as his mother had hoped. His social contacts were no longer confined to other handicapped children or specially arranged contacts with children of his parents friends.

As he grew older Giles kept up with the other children in his class. His speech improved steadily, and with his ability to communicate, with hearing children came the ability to construct proper grammatical sentences. Many deaf children never learn to construct sen-tences, since they do not hear complete sentences but only pick out isolated words. The lack of properly constructed language is a source of immense frustration.

Giles learnt to read well, and books provided him with a

proper language, a steadily expanding vocabulary and a range of concepts and general knowledge wider than those of many hearing children. He foined in all the normal activi-ties of the other children, taking part in outlings and plays, at first in silent parts, and later, as he learnt to project his voice, in speaking parts in front of an audience of other children or parents. By the age of eight his readby the age of eight his reading skill was well above average, and he was able to start filling in for himself some of the gaps left by his late acquisition of language. His parents and his peripateic

went up proudly in school Amateur Swimming Associa-tion 25-metre badge. A few weeks later he went up again, to receive the cycling proficiency certificate awarded by the police.

Giles is still being educated in the same way. He can make himself understood clearly to a stranger, and he is not shy. He mixes happily with normal children without expecting much in the way of special concessions. You must face him when you talk to him and it helps to use appropriate gestures, that is all.

When Giles is 16 he will have to enter the normal world of work or further or higher education. It will be much less of a shock for him, after a childhood spent in an ordinary school, playing, learning and compering with hearing his childhood in a special school. His perents decision to ask for him to be educated in an ordinary school seems to have been fully justified. As they hoped, his speech has improved enormously through living and working with hearing people. He has also proved, to them and to others and to himself, that he can adapt and be one of a group of normal people. He can be a person who happens to be deaf, not simply a handicapped person. Of course, education in a normal school would not be suitable for every handicapped child. Giles had some residual hearing which he could be taught to make full use of; he was not totally deaf. He had ressonably good health, so he did not spend long spells away from school, ill at home or in He was of at least average intelligence, so he could benefit from the intellectual sti-

mulus of his peers, and was not frustrated by constant fail-ure to keep up with the rest of the class. Finally, his parents were enthusiastically in favour of his education in an ordinary school, and were eager to coo-perate in any way which could help him join in ordinary activities. For Giles, this was the right form of education. Other handicapped children, with poor health or in need of prolonged bospital treatment or with impaired mental or with impaired mental powers, could not benefit from the stimulus of the rough and tumble of a normal school as he has done. It would be a pity if children who could benefit from being educated in

a normal school were denied

the opportunity simply because the authorities do not believe

it can work. Those of us who had the privilege of teaching Giles know that it can work. Elizabeth Roe Many would argue that these safety considerations are para-

## Should home births be ruled out?

Although childbirth in Britain

We can, however, claim credit for a unique system of confidential inquiries into maternal deaths which has, since 1952, given detailed information about the reasons for these deaths and has allowed experienced assessors to identify those deaths that might have been avoided had management been in accordance with the best standards of accepted practice.

practice.
Responsibility for "avoid-able factors" in these maternal deaths is shared by doctors, nurses, administrators and patients. The educational value of these reports—issued every three years—is widely acclaimed and it is acknowledged that they have contribu-

ted notably to raising the standard of obstetric practice. But the impact on patients and their families is less sure for they are unlikely to study the reports. This is a pity for almost half of the problems that led to death during preg-sancy and were judged to be avoidable were directly the responsibility of the patient or her relatives—mostly a marter of ignoring medical edvice. The complex mix of social and medical factors that leed to baby deaths has been studied extensively in the United Kingdom, Many more babies die than mothers and it is possible to examine reasons and trends with greater assurance. Earlier this year the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys published information on baby deaths in Facilities deaths in England and Wales related to the place of confinement information not previously available—and showed that since 1975 there

in consultant staffed maternity On the other hand there has been a rise in mortality rates among babies delivered at among pames derivered at home or in small units staffed by family doctors. This in spite of the fact that mothers expected to have difficult deliveries are mostly booked for consultant units or transferred there if complications appear.

In 1977 the mortality among In 1977 the mortality among babies delivered at home was actually higher than in consultant units. In the face of these facts it is hardly surprising that the House of Commons Committee chaired by Mrs. Renée Short, recommended in its 1980 report that more women should be delivered in large well equipped consultant large well equipped consultant units, and that there ought to

has been a steady fall in mor-tality among babies delivered

be more careful selection of women admitted to small units especially those staffed by family doctors. Home delivery, in the committee's view (taking into account the extensive evi-dence presented to it) should be "phased out further".

has never been safer there is would give equal weight to little room for complacency their emotional needs in pres-because several of our Euro- nancy and labour and a few, I pean neighbours report lower suspect, would go further and death rates for mothers and opt for home confinement babies. Our death rate among arguing that their feeling of newborn babies is still 50 per emotional satisfaction, security cent higher than that in Sweden. We are not emong the leaders nor is the baby death rate falling as fast as it is in some countries. the prerogative of those who work in domiciliary surround ings or affect the some system of childbirth that

happens to be fashionable. There must be hundreds of thousands of women in Britain deeply grateful for the expert and kindly attention offered them in their local maternity units. This is not to say that all is for the best in our mater-nity hospitals. Much could and should be done to make the physical surroundings and general arrangements more congenial-more likely to be achieved where the professional staff regularly meet patients and their husbands to discuss possible improvements in an informal atmosphere; and reasons for changes in practice and results achieved could equally well be discussed.

The great mistake would be to return in any significant measure to home confinement. setting the clock back 50 years the clock back 50 years advances won so dearly over this period. One daugerous fallacy is to believe that an obstaic emergency service can eal effectively with unexpectdeal effectively with unexpected complications that arise during a home confinement.

Extensive experience with the Newcastle upon Tyne "flying squad" between 1950 and 1960 convinced me that this is

not possible. One drawback is the time it takes to reach the home (with today's traffic it would take even longer).
Another is that it may be the help of a paediatrician, a physician or a laboratory rechnician as much as the experience or manipulative skill obstetrician that is required And patients' expectations are higher today than they were 38 years ago when death and morbidity rates were appreciably higher. It is more reasonable and more economical to centre highly chilled staff on hespitals highly skilled staff on hospitals rather than move them around

the countryside.

I do not know how one measures happiness but it is a fair assumption that safer child-birth would mean less distress. Central to the theme of safet childbirth is the fact that face lities among mothers and babies could be reduced by 30 to 50 per cent and place us

to 50 per cent and place us among the leaders were we to make full use of the knowledge we already have.

The medical and nursing professions can do so much but the public have still to be educated to appreciate that there is a significant, personal responsibility for health and this is nowhere seen more clearly than in childbirth.

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## Arabs fear effects on **Galfsecurity**

From Our Own Correspondent Beirut, Jan 20 Arab leaders generally welcomed the Algiers agreement to end the hostage crisis although some Gulf states were clearly unhappy about the effect this might have on the war between Iran and Iraq, Several dered this question but it was left to Mr Muhammad Yamani, Saudi Information Minister. to define Arab anxiety in the region. He hoped that the release of

the 52 Americans would not generate "any negative effect on Gulf security", adding: "We should not precede events. We do not think there is anything for us to fear. But we have to be cautious."
'The Saudis and Gulf states

want to know if there is a secret price to be paid by the United tates for the hostages' release. If this is true—and if it is to be paid in extra war material for Iran—then the Gulf war could grow in intensity. The Palestine Liberation Organization, which tried to

mediate between Tehran and Washington in the early days of washington in the early days of the Embassy takeover, expres-sed the hope that yesterday's events would "serre the cause of peace" in the Middle East. Less charitable words came, from President Sadat of Egypt who let it be known—through an American Congressman that the United States had been "vaciliating, contradictory and wavering" in dealing with Iran over the hostages. According to a transcript of his meeting with Mr James Shever, the Demo-cratic Representative for New York, Mr Sadat felt that the Americans should have "gone in there (Iran)"

Mr Sadat, who gave the late Shah his final place of exile, has not previously comme-cd on American attempts to release the hostages.

## Future of embargoed ship hinges on negotiations

By Ronald Kershaw Northern Industrial

Correspondent The future of the Iranianowned naval supply vessel, the 20,000-ton Kharg, lying in the River Tyne and held by a Department of Trade embargo, was still uncertain last night, the subject of highly sensitive

no crew on board, is lying out-side the Walker Yard of Swan Hunter which built the vessel to the order of the late Shah of Iran. The ship was launched four years ago by a relative of the Shah, a member of the Pahlavi family, and took longer to complete than expected because of various changes in specification that were re-

political negotiations. The lightly armed ship, with

The ship was handed over by

Taif, Saudi Arabia, Jan 20 .--Iran has said it will attend a ministerial meeting to prepare for Sunday's Islamic summit, Prince Sand al-Faisal, the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister, announced today.

But the Prince told reporters he did not know whether Iran's now moving towards a close meant that it would attend. The war betfeen Iran and Iraq will be a topic at the three-day summit, along with the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. However, Iran has said it will not come to the summit if President Saddam Husain of Iraq attends; and last night Bagndad announced that the President would head its dele-

The summit is being organ. which will be a key document ized by the 42-member Islamic to be laid before the summit. Conference Organization

Conference sources said the gan last Thursday, might com-plete its work tonight. Some delegates here have said they believe that if Iran disposes of the issue of the American host-ages, it might be inclined to use the summit platform to putits side of the conflict with

Iraq.
Conference sources said there was fear among Gulf countries that the agreement on freeing the hostages could increase Iran's military potential by un-blocking thousands of millions of dollars in Iranian funds

British Shipbuilders last April and accepted by the owners, the Iranian Government, and the final instalment was paid. An An Iranian crew went on board but the sailing was halted when

the Department of Trade refused to grant an export licence as a result of trade sanctions against Iran decided by EEC foreign ministers in retaliation for the seizure of the American hostages. The situation is now complicated by the fact that the Iranians are holding a number of British

The Iranian crew were on board for the final fitting out of the ship and then in September last year were summoned back to Iran. Since then, the ship has been deserted, with security checks being carried out by the Tyne Harbourmaster's Depart-

## Conflict with Iraq may be raised at Islamic summit

frozen by the United States. The sources said there was long, heated debate over Afghanistan in a subcommittee considering a draft declaration which will be a key document

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## Some defence items deferred: plans must fit resources

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the leaching of the learning of the le Next year's defence budget is expected to be about \$12,230m, more than \$1,000m bigher than this year's budget, Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, said in a statement on defence expenditure. To Conservative cheers, he said that this accorded with the Government's determination to give the highest priority ation to give the highest priority to defence in the face of the growing threat from the Warsaw Pact and represented an increase in proportion of gross domestic product devoted to defence.

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The main changes he proposed accelerated the phasing out of some older equipment, the deferment of certain equipment procurements, the trimming of works and training programmes and further reduction of overheads. Mr Nott said: In the financial year 1981-82 defence expenditure should rise to £9,753m at 1980 survey prices. This takes account of the reduction of £200m in planned expenditure announced earlier by the Charcellor of the parliance expenditure amounted earlier by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. This figure is about 8 per cent more in real terms than the defence out-rurn in 1978-79, the last year of the previous government.

So far as this year is concerned we are likely to exceed the 3 per cent Nato aim but until the outturn is clear we cannot assess the

cent Nato aim but intil the outturn is clear we cannot assess the
distribution of growth between
this year and next. In cash terms,
although the cash limit has not
yet been finalized, next year's
defence budget is expected to be
of the order of £12,250m, more
than £1,000m higher than the
budget this year.
The scale of the increase, in
relation to the containment of
expenditure on other programmes,
fully accords with the Government's expressed determination
which I reaffirm today, of giving
the highest priority to our defence
in the face of the growing threat
from the Warsaw Pact. It also repressens an increase in defence expenditure per head at a time when
the proportion of our GDP devoted to defence is already much
higher than that of our main
European allies, and close to that
of the United States.

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of the United States.

Let me make it plain beyond doubt that I share without qualification the objectives stated by my predecessor in the House to sustain and improve the front line quality of our forces and of our contribution to the alliance, which remains the cornerstone of our security and the ultimate safeguard of our freedom against any aggression.

In accordance with these ob-

jectives, I can confirm that next year the major programme of im-provements will continue. Even provements will continue. Even after trimming recruitment, there will be over \$,000 more regulars in our Services than in this financial year. A nuclear powered fleet submarine, two new airdefence destroyers, an anti-submarine frigate and several other vessels will conter service; other new warship orders, including anti-submarine carriers, nuclear-powered submarines, destroyers and frigates, together with major maritime weapon systems such as Stingray and Sub-Harpbon, will be moving forward; substantial

fence systems and the Ptarmigan and Clansman communications systems continue in procurement. Deliveries under the very large Tornado programme, the core of the RAF's future capability, will he accelerating.

development work on the Sea Eagle anti-ship missile will continue although further consideration will be needed before its place in the programme can be confirmed. Large sums will be spent on the Nimrod airborne early warning

spend a bigger proportion of our defence budget on major equipment than any other Nato country. Next year we shall spend over 25,000m on equipment, which will sustain hundreds of thousands of jobs, many in the highest fields of hechnology. Nevertheless, there remain hard

choices, for next year and further ahead. The problems are well known to the House, but they are worth recalling briefly. The real cost of colors of the control of the control of the control of the colors of the cost of defence equipment, much of it inevitably highly sophisticated to counter the threat, continues to rise. The recession has led industry to concentrate more heavily on defence work, which means that certain equipment has come forward faster than we expected. This is to the benefit of our Services but has continuing effects on our cash flow. With so much of the programme aiready committed, it is not easy to make adjustments quickly.

beleuce, like other departments, has to make adjustments every year, in all sorts of ways, to fit its programme to planned expenditure, but for the reasons I have given the scale this year is more extensive than usual. In order to avoid continuing speculating and uncertainty harmful to the Services and to industry. I think it right to give the House before the defence White Paper is published an early indication of the character of these adjustments.

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Defence, like other departments.

The main changes which I propose accelerate the phasing our of some older equipment, the deferment of certain equipment procurements, the trimming of our works and training programmes, and further reduction of overheads; in essence, to concentrate our resources where they are most valuable. Some older ships of the Royal Nary will be sold or scrapped; HMS Bulwark will be disposed of about six mombs earlier than planned and the planned reductions in the Vulcan force and Shackleton airborne force and Shackleton airborne early warning aircraft and the run-down of Canberra photographic reconnaissance foundations zissauce squadrons will be accelerated.

accelerated.

There will be some adjustment to the forward warship construction programme which will involve the slowing down of a number of orders. Logistic support road vehicles, Jetstream and Hawk aircraft orders will be deferred. The Skyllash Mk 1 missile will continue, but instead of the Sky Flash Mk 2 we will proceed with a programme to demonstrate a new technology for shorterance aircred. gramme to demonstrate a new technology for short-range air-to-air missiles. To save overheads, No 41 Commando will merge with other Commandos, without reduction in the present overall, strength of the Royal Marines and with a continuing Royal Marine presence in Deal for the time being.

The Naval Communications Squadron at Lee-on-Solem will be disbanded. The extra Lightning squadron will not be formed as planned but we shall provide for squarror will not be formed as planned but we shall provide for a squadron to be found out of training units which could rapidly be made operational in emer-

and frigates, together with major maritime weapon systems such as Stingray and Sub-Harpoon, will be moving forward; substantial further orders for ships and other naval equipment will be placed; and the Trident programme is under way.

The Army's new Challenger tank, the new armoured person hel carrier, the Milan anti-tank major task in matching resources to our clear defence needs, a task to our clear defence needs, a task made more difficult for us than for other countries because of our

low growth.

Talk of apocatyptic choices between key defence tasks is wide of the mark; but we must, over the next year or so, look realistically at our programmes in order to match them to the resources which may be available. We shall do this in an alliance context and, we hope, in close concert with our allies. But let it be clear that large sums will be spent on the whatever our economic problems. Nimrod airborne early warning the maintenance of effective sircraft, improvement of our security within and through the Harrier and Jaguar capability, and alliance remains an overriding

## Air tickets: Minister would like evidence

prosecutions.

Earlier, during questions on discounted tickets, he told Lady Burton of Coventry (Lab): I do not dispute that there are some agents dispute that there are some agents and sub-agents, presumably in collusion with some airlines, who are selling some tickets at prices below the officially approved level or are in breach of the conditions attached to the particular fare. Lady Burton of Coventry: Lord Trefgarne has said previously that fares had to be agreed between the two governments concerned. This is nonsense.

Does he suggest the "bucket shops" contact these various gov-ernments before they sell the

The tickets are sold at a discount of up to 60 per cent. I have a is not tlear. If we had been able to bucket shop price guide which gives fares available from London. recent months we would have instituted by the control of the co Lord Trefgarne: What I said was

House of Lords
Lord Trefgame, Under Secretary of State for Trade, said that if he were given evidence about bucket shops breaking air fare regolations he would authorize to be would authorize which came to me when I took up and the state of the first which came to me when I took up and the state of the

which came to me when I took up my new post a week or so ago, and I propose to pursue it with the utmost vigour. Lord Northfield (Lab): As one who buys bucket shop tickets at the nice fares quoted, I would like to know the precise position. Is it the case that, pending some international agreement on lower fares, the Government is happily consiving at the breaking of the regulations by allowing "bucket shops" to sell at these prices?

Is the Government saying it believes in these international agreements but, on the other hand, it cannot do anything at home to stop them being broken?

is not clear. If we had been able to secure the necessary evidence in recent months we would have instituted prosecutions. If the appropriate evidence comes before me in not rubbish. International fares are priate evidence comes before me in agreed between governments, the mouths to come, I shall authorate prosecutions.

# Expenditure will rise by 3% a year from revised base

up with the economy and cannot express commitments of the party hope to be insulated from the disastrous performance of the economy under the present Governament of the reduction of £200m announced by the Chancellor is the only reduction which has been

economy under the present Government.

What is the total saving be envisages in linancial terms when taking account of the equipment rundown? What are the employment consequences of the cancellation of certain projects?

What is to happen to the \$400m overspend which the ministry managed to achieve this year? Is it to be written off, to be found within the defence budget or worse still, to be found from some other department's requirements, rather than from the Ministry of Defence?

Defence?
On what basis have the cuts

Mr Brynmor John, chief Oppostion 5pokesman on defence (Pontypridd, Lab) questioning Mr Nott on his statement, said: I welcome the statement which contrary to the election pledges of the Government, is a tiny recognition of the resility that defence is bound up with the economy and capacity of the contrary to the election pledges of the contrary to the election ple

made in the planned defence budget. Of course, some adjustments me. There always are. The employment consequences of the measures announced will would otherwise have been created by additional planned expenditure will not now be created, but if I understand his parry's deience policy, there would be thousands of jobs lost, so that what we are talking about is the number of job opportunities which will not now the plant of the property of the property of the policy.

made in the light of the detence priorities which I, other ministers and the Chiefs of Staff re
ment is already extremely high, particularly the South-West? gard as essential. and as essential.

An examination of the long-term position takes place every year as a matter of course in the ministry. That will happen, as always, between April and June, The decision on Trident has been taken, announced, and will

remain.
Mr John: Does the minister mean
to imply that there are no savings by cutting or phasing out of older equipment? If so, he should say that there are no savings, because What are the employment impli-cations of the slow down in war-ship building? Why can be pur no figure on it so that loyal staff

opportunities by 32,000 over the next three years in defence estab-lishments, will be protect those Mr Nott: I undersmid his con-cern about employment opportun-ties and take full note of the points he makes about regional points he makes about regional employment. As for future delence strategy, I have read his views on the subject in an interesting pamphler he published a 
short time ago and many of the 
things he said I shall take account 
of when I come to consider the 
normal review of defence which 
takes place every year.

takes place every year.

The kind of stark choice which
he poses between the maritime commitment and the central front may be changes of emphasis be-tween the two. These are mat-ters which we will have to dis-cuss with our allies.

has not been put there as a batchet man on defence expenditure shown when the public expenditure? Mr Nott: I cannot imagine how lished in March. anybody could ever see me in such a light. I shall be just as dedicated to preserving and improving the front line capability of our forces as Mr Pym was. The task he performed when he was in my office was a tremendous

one.

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C): This is the first time that the Treasury team has manged to oust the defence minister. While we wish him the best of luck, it is up to him to convince the Conservative Party. the House and the country that his appointment does not mean a serious retrenchment in defence expenditure.

member of any Treasury ream, if that is the suggestion. I was a distinguished president of the Board of Trade. (Laughter). I shall be in charge of the Ministry of Defence and not the Treasury. I am sure we will work closely together because in the end we are all on the same side.

Mr Michael Mates (Petersfield, C): Will be confirm in simple and unequivocal terms the statement by Mr Francis Pym on October

Mr Nort, answering later ques-tions, said that the commitment of the Government to increasing defence expenditure was clear.

Over the three year period it would have increased by 8 per cent in real terms. That might prove to be greater than that of Britain's allies. He doubted if many would go hieror. many would go higher. Air Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C): Does he think the method of cash limits is appro-priate when thinking of defence

expenditure? Mr Nott: I do think the cash limit system is absolutely fundamental. We must keep to cash limits because unless we respect money as well as volume we really cannot conduct our affairs sensibly.

sensibly.

The point made by Mr Francis
Pym is one I agree with; that it
is difficult for the defence department with an enormous procure-ment programme always to get its expenditure absolutely within cash limits each year.

are all on the same side.

Mr Michael Mates (Petersfield, C):

Will be confirm in simple and unequivocal terms the statement by Mr Francis Pym on October 28 that the Government remained committed to a 3 per cent increase this year, next year and the year after?

Mr Nott: We are not solding an increase in defence expenditure of 3 per cent in real terms from the adjusted base from which we are now taking the £200m in planned expenditure.

This is not a cut in real terms. It is a cut in a plan. I am sure he will understand that.

From the revised base we will be planning in future years 3 per cent real growth in volume in the older ships we will not really average of the older ships we will not the programme to the committed the possibilities of different types of warships of warships of the possibilities of different types of warships of different types of warships of warships of the possibilities of different types of warships of warships of the possibilities of different types of warships of the possibilities of different types of warships of the prough warships

## Trident the most cost-effective deterrent

Change in fire-fighting

The task of preserving Britain's inland waterway system was both onerous and costly, Mr Giles Shaw, Under Secretary for the Environment, said moving the second reading of the Water Bill.

The Bill switched the cost of providing water, from the fire-

Mr John Nott, inding his first question time as Secretary of State for Defence, said he intended to keep his party's commitments on defence and emphasized his belief in the need for a strategic nuclear deterrent, including Tridest.

Mr Nott (St Ives, C) told his first questioner, Mr Gwilym Roberts, (Cannock, Lab) that Britain's nuclear forces, including Trident, absorbed, or would absorb, only a absorbed, or would absorb, only a small proportion of the defence

Mr Roberts: Whatever argument there may be for conventional wea-pons, there can be no case what-soever for British nuclear weapons. They make only the minimal con-tribution to Western defences and in any case we have little or no control over the majority of them. Mir Nott: The strategic nuclear deterrent is essential to the defence of the Nato alliance and our liberty. Mr David Trippier (Rossendale, C): The planned long range nu-

Tornado

programme

It was absurd to suppose that the

United Kingdom economy could

carry the cost of the Tornado and

Trident programmes, together with

other defence commitments, Mr Prank Hooley (Sheffield Heeley,

He had asked the Secretary of State for Defence what was now the total estimated cost of the Tornado programme, and how this compared with the original esti-

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Under Secre

Mr Geotfrey Pattie, Under Secretary of Defence for the RAF (Chertsey and Wahon, C): The total production cost to the United Kingdom of an order for 220 production F Mark 2s, is now estimated to be £4,870m at September 1980 price levels.

At constant price levels, the real increase in the estimated unit production costs of the GR Mark 1 since the start of full development in May 1970 is about 25 per cent, and of the F Mark 2, which entered full development in July 1976, about 6 per cent.

Mr Hooley: Reports from Ger-

Mr Hooley: Reports from Germany seem to indicate that the cost of this machine is getting out

of control.

n western Europe.

of control.

It is quite absurd to suppose that
the economy of the United Kingdom can carry Tornado. Trident,
RAOR, protection of the North
Atlantic, and protection of the air

Mr Pattie: It is interesting to note Mr Pattle: It is interesting to note that the last time this question was asked by Mr Frank Allam (Salford, East, Lab), the figures were 22 per cent, and 2 per cent respectively.

That was more than two years ago, which indicates the programme is by no means out of control. The Germans have had budgetary difficulties of their own.

Mr Giles Shaw. Under Secretary for Environment said in a written reply that Mr Michael Heseltine,

secretary of State for the Environ-

ment, hoped to make a statement soon on the way ahead for inner city policy.

Inner city policy

mare at constant prices.

not out

of control

clear forces of Cruise missiles and Pershings are not primarily designed to cater for the bolt from the blue nuclear attack.

The exceptional readiness of the strategic nuclear force vested in Polaris and later on in Trident to keep to my dent will absorb more than the party's commitments on defence. I average figure of 3 per cent, but can assure him although I was interested in my time in the Treasury, that is now many years ago.

Our strategic nuclear force, Tri
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Our strategic nuclear force vested in the strategic nuclear force and the strategic nuclear force the strategic nuclear force the strategic nuclear force will absorb more than the party's commitments on defence. I average figure of 3 per cent, but certainly no where near the 15 per cent figure be mentions. Polaris and later on in Trident dent the successor to Polaris, will provide the most effective and only absorb a relatively small part least costly form of insurance of our total defence budget; provide the most effective and least costly form of insurance against a massive surprise attack. Mr Nott: I wholly agree. Trident is the most cost effective way to provide the minimum capability for a viable strategic nuclear deterrent. It should be seen as an integral part of our defence system and not an addition to it. Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-

Tweed, L): Our welcome to the Secretary of State in his new office will depend on whether he keeps to his party's election pledges on defence or uses his Treasury experience to whittle them away.

We cannot afford Trident without impairing the strength of
BAOR or our naval commitment to

water charges

Mr Shaw (Pudsey, C) said the Bill

increased the borrowing powers of the British Waterways Board from £20m to £35m. It also provided that

statutory water undertakers should not levy charges for making water available for firefighting. It removed the power of statu-tory water undertakers to require

separate water service pipes to existing houses and enabled them to require separate pipes for all new houses.

Any charge on water for fire-fighting could be regarded as a bar to public salety. The Government was rightly concerned that there

was rightly concerned that there should be no such impediment to

the installation and use of fire

fighting equipment in private premises used by the public, bear-

ing in mind the terrible fires at the

Mr Denis Howell, an Opposition

spokesman on the environment, (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab) sald the Bill was totally irrelevent to the needs of Britain.

There was nothing in the Bill about the great problems of sewage disposal and drainage. The col-

America.

lworth's store in Manchester hotel fires recently in

approximately 3 per cent on average over the next three years. That is not a large amount of money for the deterrent import-ance of a strategic nuclear weapon of that kind.

or that kind.

Mr Bryunor John, chief Opposition spokesman on defence (Ponypridd, Lab): In the peak years the Trident project will absorb 15 per cent of our equipment budget.

Can he assure the House that none of the other equipment projects planned for the armed forces will have to give way if we go ahead with Trident project?

Mr Nott: I do not accept the figure

Mr Nott: I do not accept the figure of 15 per cent. In the peak years towards the end of the 1980s Tri-

providing water from the fire-fighting industry and commerce on to the domestic householder,

which greatly concerned Labour

It was an extraordinary proposi-tion. He believed the Government was being subjected to an enor-mous amount of pressure from the

sprinkler manufacturing industry. It had been estimated that the propostion would mean adding !

per cent to the cost of domestic

Mr Douglas Hogg (Grantham, C) said the Bill was a convenient vehi-cle for introducing a long desired

piece of law reform. Statutory water undertakers should be made liable for damage caused by the escape of water provided there was a connexion between the escape

The Bill was read a second

House adjourned, 10.21 pm.

water charges.

time.

credible deterrent policy that we have a successor to Polaris, and Trident is the most cost effective way of maintaining it.

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab): In addition to the £5,000m Government estimate for Trident, and such estimates have almost always proved under estimates, will there not be a bill for several billions to cover the growth and billions to cover the crews and maintenance of these weapons and other missiles over the first 10

Note: We estimate that the running cost of the Trident submarine fleet will probably be around the same percentage as the running of the existing Polaris fleet, which is somewhere around 1.5 per cent of our total defence budget at

# 'Stop knocking'

There was a good export potential for the offshore protection vessels which were under construction and people should stop knocking their design, Mr. Keith Speed, Under Secretary of Defence for the Royal operation Crusader was an out-Navy, said.

design of

new vessels

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) asked if the minister was still atisfied that the offshore protec tion vessels already in service and under construction provided the best value for money for the task. which greatly concerned account MPs.

The national water dispute could be catestrophic. The two sides had to come together and reach a settlement. It would be unthinkable if this country was plunged into a national water strike with all its dire consequences for public health. Mr Speed (Ashford, C): Yes. Mr Ress: If he is looking for sav-ings this is one area. There are savings that can be made by using aircraft and ships already under construction or in use in other

parts of the country which can do
the job more quickly.

Mr Speed: I have seen the two
under construction and not yet in
commission for the Royal Navy.
They will have a significant increase in carefulity over the Island crease in capability over the Island design—it is good—there is a good export potential. These vessels can operate helicopters, have endurance and good speed.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 2.50: Debate on Opposition motion on energy policy.
House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Debate on transport policy.

## Mr Foot's request to PM on 'The Times'

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, sought an undertaking from the Prime Minister at question time that if Mr Rupert Murdoch acquired The Times and Sundoch acquired The Times and Sundoch Indian (Labour Cheers.) day Times she would immediately refer the matter to the Monopolies

Mr Foot (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said: In view of the strong rumours that The Times and Sunday Times may be acquired by Mr Rupert Mur-doch, would she give an undertaking that if this were to occur she would immediately refer the mat-ter to the Monopolies Commission? Would she also undertake that she would ask them to report with extreme urgency in view of the threat to these newspapers and their possible extinction in March?

March?

Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchiey, C): The Secretary of State for Trade (Mr John Biffen) has so far received no application for consent to transfer any of The Times newspapers.

If he does receive such an application, he will have to consider the newspaper merger provisions of the Fair Trading Act of 1973.

Would she not recollect that

when Mr Roy Thomson, as he then was-Lord Thomson of Fleetacquired The Times alone in the Monopolies Commission and pledges of independence had to be given? Would the Prime Minister tell us

quite clearly that the Government will refer the matter to the Monop-olies Commission and have an urgent report on it in the interests of the newspapers and of their customers in this country? Mrs Thatcher: I do not think it

advisable to state precisely what one will do before an application has even been received, (Conservative cheers.)

We shall wait to see if the Secretary of State for Trade receives an application. We shall apply the law as it is, and apply it precisely.

### BAOR mans 560 tanks

Operation Crusader was an oun-standing success, Mr Philip Good-hart, Under Secretary of Defence for the Army, said during exchanges on the operational read-iness of United Kingdom forces stationed on the German Rhine. Mr Goodbart (Bromley, Becken-ham, C): I am confident that British Forces Germany are fully cap-able of making their major contri-bution to the implementation of

Nato strategy. Mr Nicholas Winterton, (Maccles-field, C): Many Conservative MPs

#### **English** for the English

During questions to the Prime Minister, Mr John Stokes (Hale-sowen and Stourbridge, C) said: Has Mrs Thatcher seen the report in the paper today that an indus-trial tribunal found BL guilty of indirect racialism because they demanded that people applying for jobs should fill in the form in English?

Is not this absurd Can she con-firm that English is still the lan-guage of England? (Laughter.) Mrs Thatcher: I wholly agree with Mr Stokes.

A number of us have received complaints that our troops in BAOR are inadequately provided with ammunition and spares for their equipment.

Mr Goodhart: During the past year the strength of BAOR has in-creased markedly and due to im-proved manning levels in the Royal Army Corps some 560 tanks are at present manned in BAOR, com-pared with 475 in January, 1980.

#### PM's hopes for **Britons** held in Iran

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said she hoped the release of the American hostages in Iran would augur well for the release of the British subjects who had been detained there. She said the Government was continually trying to secure access to the British subjects who had been detained for five mouths without any charge against them, and would continue to do so

## Shaping of constituencies for European parliamentary elections When the committee stage of the European Assembly Elections Bill began, an Opposition amendment was moved which proposed extending the time from one month to two moorths during which representations. He said these were sensible provisions which would make the two moorths during which representations of the workings of democratic democratic forms. Structures and have regard to the bridge Wells, C) said that many of the arguments behind the amendance to the arguments behind the amend

ing the time from one month to two months during which represen-tations could be made about recommendations published by the Boundary Commission relating to European Assembly constituencies, It was rejected by 298 votes to 233—Government majority, 65. Mr George Cunningham, an Oppo-sition spokesman on home affairs (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab), moved the first of two amendments to add to the criteria to be taken into account by the Coundary Commission in making European constituencies out of

public.

Boundary Commission's task easier. For the workings of democracy people should be able to identify where they had a representative. Under the amendments it should be possible for the com-mission to provide European con-stituencies which had a certain cohesion in the minds of the

on a uniform system of elections if European constituencies out of and when agreement was re British constituencies that they at the Council of Ministers. should have regard to the size, Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of (Islington, South and Finsbury, shape and accessibility of the conState, Home Office (Royal TunLab) said the only purpose of the benefit its party interest everyone

In practical terms, the concerns

expressed by those supporting the amendments had been taken into account by the boundary commissions in their initial reports. It would be practicable to impose The amendment was rejected by Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, 300 votes to 239—Government L) said he would welcome a Government statement on its attitude

The committee stage was con-

Mr George Cunningham, an Oppo-

the same time as it produced its report on the Westminster bound-aries.

More relevant was the fact that it gave the Conservative Party something between 15 and 30 seams which they might not have won at the next election. If the commission had to produce its report on both issues at once it looked likely that it could not complete its work the next election. Accordingly in this Bill there

was a not insignificant Conserva-rive Party innerest. Once one persition spokesman on home affairs ceived a Government bringing for-(Islington, South and Finsbury, ward a Bill which was expected to

should be on their guard. The Conservative Party had brought this Bill forward to secure general election, and that was a disreputable purpose for the Bill. Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of bridge Wells, C) said the Bill was designed to ensure that the next elections in this country should be fought on a basis that was compat-ible with democracy. It was in the interests of all who

were concerned for democracy and the proper and effective conduct of elections in the United Kingdom that the Boundary Commission should not be impeded unnecessarily in doing its duty. The Bill was read the third time

by 295 votes to 240-Government majority, 55.

# Police must obey law on contempt no less than editors-Lord Chancellor

nore economical in skilled state on he they must obey the law no less than editors, Lord Hallsham of St Mariebone, the Lord Chancillor, said during the resumed committee stage of the Contempt of Court Bill. If editors were provoked by policemen to break the law he knew who was most to blame. Lord Gardiner said the Sutcliffe Lord Gardiner, for the Opposition, had moved an amendment to make the "strict liability rule" (where-by conduct tending to interfere with the course of justice may be treated as comment of court regartreated as contempt of court regar-diss of intent) apply from the time of charge or service of a summons rather than, as in the Bill, the time of arrest or issue of a

> Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone said the case of Mr Peter Sutcliffe was precisely the point at which was precisely the point at which the amendment was crucial. On the one viral point of his amendment Lord Gardiner falled to notice what had happened in the past few

od to finding start star Knox Rus If tver (he went on) I had doubts as to whether our judgment about the point of time was right-and I did have doubts—they were na Vietnamia Iari Vie upon Temb dissipated by that critical case. dissipated by what happened in

There we have a man before charge being brought to the court, being put in fear of his life by a demonstration started by the press and perhaps instigated by members of the police force, and he asks us to accept the amendment without disclosing a word of that.

case was at present sub judice. It was no good the Government sug-gesting that it decided to jettison the unanimous report of the Phillimore committee on this point and to choose the opposite period because of that case. The Government had decided this quite apart from Mr Sutchiffe's case.

It was desirable in these days to have laws which, if possible, had the general support of the public. It was an obstacle to the choice the Government had made that there was unanimous support from legal societies and the press for the solution of the Phillimore report. Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone said they must not be unduly in-fluenced by recent events, but there had been a great resultion of feeling since the Suncliffe case when the public saw the danger of what could be done between arrest and charge.

again—there might be an interme-diate stage—his mind had been much altered and his doubts truch reduced by the experience of the past few weeks. The assumption appears to be

made too readily (he continued) that populism in its various forms is always on the side of mercy and freedom. That has not been the experience of my lifetime nor of the last few weeks. It was not demonstrated outside the magistrates' court the other day. On the contary, it is vital that a man should have a fiar trial. Lord Rawlinson was right when he wrote

to The Times that what occurred on that day undermined the presumption of innocence.

He said later that he would be wrong to answer a question on the Sutcliffic case. He would make no comment about whether an offence was committed in that case under existing law. Above the importance of the freedom of expression lay the necessity for a flar trial. The press were responsible. In that particular case they were in many ways provoked.

What happened (he said) was
most unfortunate and I hope that

it will never bappen again.

Lord Wigoder (L) moved an amendment to leave our a part of the Bill which would bar the press from comment in relation to appeal cases from the moment inotice of appeal or application for leave to appeal was made. He said judges of this status would not be improperly influenced by press comment. There were no juries and almost invaria-bly no witnesses, either.

Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone said judges were human. The courts, too, must be trusted to apply the provisions of the Bill on the scope of strict Hability and one must start with the proposition that what was done or complained of created risk that the course of justice would be seriously impeded or prejudiced.

. The amendment was withdrawn. Lard Wiceder, in discussion on Schedule 1 dealing with times when proceedings were active, said Lord Lucan's was by no means an exceptional case involving warrants never executed. But under the Bill the proceedings would remain active indefinitely. So would strict liability.

arrested tomorrow. Bur I fancy (he said) that edi-tors, who have their legal advisers, and sometimes a little intelligence, would realise that after arrest, actions which might prejudice seriously would be taken at their peril. Lord Gifford (Lab) moved earlier

an amendment to restrict the def-inition of contempt offences which could be committed and dealt with in magistrates' courts. He said magistrates, for instance, must expect the occasional jibe or insult from people upset at the justice dispensed. The only offence should be wilfully to inter-

rupt the proceedings of the court. Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said courts, on the whole, did put up with a certain amount of insults. The Bill Court, a witness he had cross- affairs. examined suddenly emerged from He m

man, you made me out to be a liar. Take that, and that, and that."

episode ended.
On another occasion, he had

been chased down a corridor at the Central Court by some friends of a woman prosecuting his client.

I would have been hat pinned (he said) but for the fact that a lift suddenly opened its jaws and I leapt in as the doors closed. This sort of thing could equally happen in a magistrates' court. People had a right to be protected

in court.

A party to litigation could be in his solicitor on his instructions. paper, for instance—the contents of documents which had been read out in open court, Lord Gifford (Lab) said the layman might be forgiven for thinking that this was best left as it was.

De forgiven for thinking that this
Once, at a Norfolk County was an extraordinary state of

He moved a new clause declaring behind a pillar as he left the court that the obligation to protect and and hit him three times with a maintain the confidentiality of the rolled umbrella, saying "Young man, you made me out to be a liar. to a party to litigation or his agent to a party to litigation or his agent. terminated if and to the extent that

The amendment was withdrawn.

Lord Hallsbam of St Marylchone Lord Hallsbam said be rightly compared the contents of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained. A policeman was called read aloud in open court in property of the document were plained and the plained were plained and the plained aloud in open court in property of the document were plained as a plained and the plained aloud in open court in property of the document were plained as a plained and the plained aloud in open court in property of the document were plained as a plained and the plained aloud in open court in property of the document were plained as a plained and the plained aloud in open court in property of the document were plained as a plained and the plained aloud in open court in property of the document were plained as a plained and the plained aloud in open court in property of the document were plained as a plained and the plained aloud in open court in property of the document were plaine any limitation on reporting.

Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said that the recent Harriet Harman case involving a document read in court had nothing to do with criminal contempt but had everything to do with the law of civil contempt and did not directly affect the freedom of the press.

The Bill was designed to imple-

in court.

ment the Philimore report related

The amendment was withdrawn, almost entirely to criminal coutempt. He was auxious to get the Bill on to the statute book this session. If he opened the field much wider, he would not succeed. The case concerning the document involved a matter still to be clarified by the courts. It would be wise to wait to see how the matter was dealt with.

In that case, too, there was never a suggestion that the journa-list had been guilty of contempt. The amendment was withdrawn

The committee stage was con-House adjourned, 7.58 pm.

#### Number of firms closing and opening Mr Reginald Byre, Under Secre-

tary for Trade, in a written reply, said: For the year 1980, provisional figures for England and Wales show 6,876 company liquidations (compulsory plus creditors' volun-tary) and 4,000 bankruptries and deeds of arrangemen (for all indi-viduals and partnerships. The number of new companies registered in 1980 in England and Wales was 66,104. New sole traders and partnerships registered num-bered 144,504 but as they only have to register if they intend to

businesses started. Kielder reservoir Mr Gles Shaw, Under Secretary for Environment, in a written reply, said: The latest estimate pra-

use names other than their own

there is no comprehensive record

pared by the Northumbrian Water.
Authority indicates the total cost of the Kielder project is likely to be £150m at July 1979 prices. Of this total the reservoir works are estimated to cost £75m.



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nsofar as the central turn portion of the service o But I think the advance pub-But I think was seized on that vord "black" after a great deal of head-scratching, as a des-perate pis aller. Comic this play rectainly aspired to be, and accasionally was, as when Nigel lawthorne Yes Ministered his way through a nicely observed scene as a moustachioed execu-

> We got some limply natura-istic comedy, Wesker with the forners of the mouth turned up, is three moderately personable roung things opened a new estaurant. We got whole cartoads of slapstick, as the restaurant was invaded by protesque guests. We leaped the poundaries of naturalism to wimess an improving moral sale. We were treated to some quality, as though all had to barbed pastiche, with television achieved through the work commentating as its target. We Let us hope he tries again.

George Coleman Ronnie Scott's

#### Richard Williams

Hitherto taken for granted as one of the many capable tenor saxophonists who fell under the inescapable influence of John Coltrane during the six-ties. George Coleman has lately emerged from an unusually prolonged and gradual maturation to achieve acclaim as the most completely equipped improviser of his type.

Coleman's originality resides in his application of Coltrage's technical innovations to earlier materials. He has the bebop-per's relish for harmonic challenges, and a notable predilec-tion for outrageously fast tempos: "Tune Up", which opened his first set on Monday night, was taken at a bruising pace, over which Coleman addressed himself to doubletime runs incorporating pas-tages of circular breathing, investigation of extremes of Tregister, and rhythmically sycharged honks of varying

His fondness for such effects sometimes got in the way of his usually impeccable sense of

Ever since 1959, with help in

as ardent. At times, in fact, a little more delicacy of sonority would have been welcome. And, just as in the second sub-

extra expression by separating the hands, so in the fiery coda,

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line brilliance and rhythmic incisiveness in Falla's "Anda-

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were sent away with vague intimations of global satire; capitalist greed the great cor-

Must comedy have a colour? This one, based on Gargantuan eating and equally Gargantuan excreting, could for once apply be described, with a genuflexion to Dame Edna, as a Technicolor

But the yawn resulted less from a confusion of styles than from the fact that none of these styles was in itself satisfactory. The personable young things were neither lovable nor interesting, so we could not sympathize with their desperate efforts to succeed (as we can, for example, with Mr and Mrs Fawlty). Their guests came on with red noses, squeakers, banana skins, stink bombs—all the paraphernalia of the paptomime. The gags were of the crudest sitcom variety, the whimsy began by being forced and ended up being hysterical. Considerable artistry lies behind the creation of success-

ful comic stereotypes, finesse behind farce. The sad thing is that we know the author can do it. Don Haworth has deservedly won prizes for his light and witty touch as a radio dramatist, and he has a sensitive ear. Was he subconsciously still writing for radio? At times the dialogue had that telltale, strained quality, as though all had to be achieved through the words.

"Meditation", for instance, was delivered in rather distracted episodes), but his final exploration of a rapid boppish blues was unanswerably

In addition to the well-known rirtues of his bassist, Herbie Lewis, and his drummer, Billy Higgins, Coleman's group also features the outstanding young planist Hilton Ruiz, whose seem-ingly complete command of all jazz idioms is enlivened by a strong infusion of the keyboard techniques of Puerto Rican salsa music. Such syncopations were particularly apt in the bossa nova, where Higgins rose to the challenge with lightly dancing figures, and in the blues which found the prints blues, which found the planist improvising several choruses of the parallel single-note lines, a couple of octaves apart, so characteristic of salsa. His long cadenza on "Soul Eyes" was a brilliant combination of power and logic.

Sharing the present season is the singer Elaine Delmar, who delivered her ballads on Monday with more discretion and authority than I have ever heard from her. Brashness marred the up tempo songs, but to take "Tea for Two" at a dead-slow tempo was a winning stroke of the imagination, and a hushed "He Was Too Good to Me", with accompaniment limited to Pat Smythe's sensitive

# Stifling a Technicolor | Fallen idol: Thomas Carlyle

On February 4 1881, died Thomas Carlyle, whom Sir Leslie Stephen describes as "the french Revolution, with which acknowledged head of English he first won widespread fame, literature" in his time. I think that that was generally agreed to be so, but it is very difficult then? First, the obvious force for with the statement of the for us to understand why and vividness of his imagina-

we can all find reasons for full of paradoxes—for all his not appreciating or even for egoism and concern with himactively disliking him. Personally I find his style and his perpetual moralizing intoler, titularly defects. His works, able. I am reminded of Wilde's and especially his brilliant letreply to the literary warder in ters, are full of rhumbnall Reading Gaol about Marie Corelli: "I am not saying anything against her morals, but to judge from her style she thing against her morals, but to judge from her style she ought to be here." Carlyle got only. Boswell had hitherto his style from the Germans—in been regarded with contempt, particular, Richter—and he was on the German side (with a famous letter to The Times) clearly that the man who in the Franco-Prussian war of wrote the Life of Johnson 1870-71. For all his fame as a prophet, he did not see what that portended, and his progenius himself. Oliver Cromthar progenius himself. Oliver Cromthar progenius himself. Oliver Cromthar progenius himself. Oliver Cromthar progenius himself.

and Dickens' The Tale of Two Cities was inspired by Carlyle's French Revolution, with which

today. An eminent Victorian, Sir Charles Oman, told me that we could not imagine in our time upon what pedestals the an infellible nose for humbur of all kinds, political, philosoers, None of them has been phical, logical—and that was more completely toppled than the one they thought the great with the one they thought the great which was full of it.

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Paradoxically-and he was We can all find reasons for full of paradoxes-for all his

Two outstanding examples only. Boswell had hitherto been regarded with contempt, dismissed by Macaulay, Car-Germanism is not much in being regarded as a scoundrel favour today, etc. etc.

It is more difficult to elicit stood what a very great man what is positive in his achieve- he must have been, and in The what is positive in his achieve he must have been, and in The ment, and far more so to Letters and Speeches began his account for his extraordinary rehabilitation.

appalling condition of the working classes in the Industrial Revolution, and the later Carlyle whose sympathies had given out, his "message" worn out. His earlier sympathy of mind illuminates his view of the Middle Ages in Past and Present.

This made people think of him as a Radical; he certainly was no liberal—he bated liberal illusions—and disliked both Gladstone's humbug and Disraeli's adventurism. We Order pour le Merite-when might say that Carlyle was the he received, and would accept, Marx.

have never put a precise finger upon it. He was a lower-class man-from a remarkable fambut was much better educated than they. He was well read in the whole of European litera-ture, classical, French, Italian, Spanish, above all German. This last was something new, and he was the chief medium of it in Britain.

By the same token, coming from the people, he had none of the middle-class illusions about their rationality, reasonableness, perfectibility, etc., such as John Stuart Mill, and the progressives had. This in time ended his friendship with influence and why people G. M. Trevelyan, who liked thought be was such a genius. Carlyle much better than I do, There can be no doubt about used to tell me to remember the itrationality of human conhis effect on them: one can that there were two Carlyles: duct, the follies, obstinacy, see the traces of his style in the earlier one, of Chartism, Dickens, still more in Ruskin, full of sympathy for the "Rationalist Fallacy".

And, of course, he was right about all that, with a more profound (also humorous) knowledge of humanity-that too wore out his sympathy in

I have always thought it a great mistake that he should have devoted the last decade of his working life to his imderick the Great. It won Carlyle veneration in Germany, and its highest honour, the other side of the coin to Karl nothing from Britain. But Frederick of Prussia can hardly Whence then came his ori- have fitted into Carlyle's ginzhity, his difference? People mould, for he was an unbeliever, a rationalist, and a homosexual. Did Carlyle not know about that of course, ily of Scotch peasant-farmers— in the Victorian age one could who flashed like a thunderbolt nor say it, but Carlyle—with upon the scene dominated by his extraordinary high-mindedness-does not seem to have known much about sex. This was what opened the

floodgates of criticism against Froude's wonderful biography of him when it came out and produced the biggest literary controversy. Froude—upon whom Carlyle again had an overwhelming influence as an historian—thought that there were two transcendent intellects in the Victorian age: Carlyle and Newman. It you want to see what Carlyle want to see what Carlyle looked like—besides Whistler's speaking portrait—go down to the Chelsea Embankment, where Boehm's statue of him was said to be the best lik-eness by those who knew him.

A. L. Rowse



## Front-line report on the new generation

Naked Robots Warehouse

Irving Wardle

Costume designers, so often unjustly ignored, are in no danger of being overlooked in this show. Jonathan Gems's play needs Ultz and Jean Seel's PVC miniskirts, gruyère-sided dresses, video-age jodohurs, and science fiction cloaks as

much as it needs the actors to

go inside them like Cadillacs Without her pink body-stocking with its two huge conical breasts (on which a friend painfully impales her-self) there would not be much point to Trudie Styler's opening number: just a pretty girl singing a gentle song. But as it comes from a figure trussed up in that erotically dehumanized rigout, you wonder what

is going on.
There are two ways of answering that. In fact, Desna (Miss Styler) is a middle-class pop senger biding her time until she gets her next group to-sether. The play is entirely peopled with young, marginal lives; a fact that is continuously asserted by the contrast between the absurd luxury of their cos-tume and the squalor of their living conditions.

Every few years another young playwright comes up with a front-line report on how the new generation are passing the time; affording his balding spectators the smug pleasure of sitting back and reflecting that nothing has changed. There they go, finding our about sex and nothing ing out about sex and putting on the style. The difference in the case of this piece is the extreme gap between style and

Living on the fringes of the art and criminal worlds, these kids inhabit a society where you need to collect £40,000 before it makes sense to have a child; and where the only hope of squaring satisfaction with survival is to make an instant killing in the fashion

(Miss Styler) is a mindle-class market. Girl, living in a squat which she shares with Nudy, a fashion designer from Mombasa. But as may be on the way up, and one

(a woman pop group manager) who is definitely on the way down, to examine which of them has the staying power to live by style alone. The pre-vailing emotion is one of psychological vertigo. Lies are told to frantic parents over the telephone. Jobs are invented. Chances of big money melt away on the casting couch or with a blow over the head, Also the characters are compulsively watching each other's progressing, envying each other's supposed talents or strength of personality.

Gemma (Catherine Hall), Alevel truant in stark white make-up, holes up in the flat, oozing adoring envy of the beautiful people, while trying to extract her Post Office savings book from her detested parents ("Don't bring it round, Mother, you're ugly.") Poppy (Lynda Marchal) holds on to them, playing the big-time agents with barely concealed panic. Ray (Phillip Davis), the only one with no pretensions to style, hangs around the flat out of hopeless lust for Desna.

As the play develops, it be-comes clear that only Nudy, the designer bred in African pov-erty, has any chance of making

blooded treatment of the women and his intoxication with ludicrous costume: People live in the past, they're scared of change; but as soon as you get them wearing stuff, they change." But from first to last, he never stops working.

As for Desna, the ever-hospirable queen bee, her kindness periodically giving way to appalling fits of jealous rage, it becomes clear that she is a straight middle-class girl who will never be happy until she has a somi dereched in Promise to the period of the period has a semi-detached in Bromley

and a growing family.

The piece is long-winded and put together on the "and then" principle. In John Caird's production is

also convinces you that Mr Gems knows his territory inti-mately, and can put it into expert comic perspective: as where Gemma comes to the aid of the apparently dying Poppy, and walks her around the room talking obsessively about her own problems. As for parental rebellion, it is interesting that Mr Gems endorses the main message of his mother, Pam Gems's, plays; that if you turn your back on your biology, it will get you in the end.

## Brave modernity

YMSO CO/Blair Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

The YMSO Chamber Orchestra offered a brave programme. mainly of twentieth-century works in which Stravinsky's Pulcinella Suite was the only familiar item. This group, rather large to be called a chamber orchestra, is a recent offshoot of the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra, and the performances are similar in

character, doubtless because the conductor, James Blair, is the same. The "Serenata" was touching in its sad grace and the quick movements were sprucely done, although latterly the base sprace and although latterly the brass were not altogether izimaculate.

Straviosky's extensive re-writing of the Pergolesi originals not withstanding, Pulcinella now seems a mild work, despite the pranks of trombone and double basses at one point. Not so Hindemith's Kammer-musik No 7 Op 46 No 2, in which the solo organ is accom-panied by two each of cellos

and double basses plus a small assortment of brass and woodwind. In the first movement at least, the soloist, Timothy Bond, showed bright registrations that contrasted effectively with the orchestra, indeed, the music's combination of pawky humour and solid craftsmanship was odd yet engaging, so that the strange instrumentation proved to be well judged after all.

Shostakovich's music for Kozintsev's 1964 film version of Hamlet is relatively familiar, but it is less well known that this was his second meatment of the subject. In 1932, between the composition of his Third and Fourth symphonics, he wrote 13 pieces for a production at the Bachtangov Theatre in Moscow, and only last night were they heard for the first time in this country.

To generalize, one is tempted to say that Shostakovich's music here is very Russian instead of in any specific way Shakespearian (in the Berlioz sense, for example). Virtually all movements are attractive in their invention and vitality, was clear and suitably ener-

Here's a Funny Thing Lyric Studio,

Hammersmith

Ned Chaillet

It might as well be Max Miller standing up there at the Lyric Studio in Hammersmith. Those are his words, his songs, his routines, and since I never saw him before his death in 1963, I shall trust that John Bardon is giving a performance with more than a modicum of truth in his impersonation.

R. W. Shakespeare, whose name more often appears in The Times above news stories from the north, is after a bit more than impersonation in his script Here's a Funny Thing. There is no effort to delve any-where beneath the surface of Miller, but the first act of the entertainment is a diverting rehearsal with Mr Bardon's

Miller given over to autobio-graphical reminiscence. Rehearsal is cleverly intact as a performance by itself, with stories about Miller's upbring-ing and career enlivened with anedotes about the real people and places in his life, with the uncensored version of the joke that had him banned from the BBC for five years. Zena Cooper's presence at the piano, zestful and responsive, gives Mr Bardon a focus that makes his stories seem spontaneous, something more than another

man's memories.

Those around me that might know found Mr Bardon exact in his imitation when the second act moved to a 1952 Palladium performance. I can only praise Mr Bardon for being so funny that I trusted his own music-hall skills. His dancing is not much, and his singing is less, but the entire act works, with much of it hanging on the success of an obscene wink and

its careful direction to women in the audience. Bedecked in outrageous and colourful flowered costumes, his face as grotesquely made up as something from Cabaret, Mr Bardon's presentation is so happily rude and Mr Shakespeare's selection of material is so spontaneously right that it makes for a lively trip back in

The production is by William Gaunt, who originally staged it at the Liverpool Playhouse.

comic time.



## Misfortune dogs first night of singularly unlucky revival

Ever since 1959, with help in recent years from private sponsors, the Incorporated Society of Musicians has come to the rescue of talented youth in need of a launching platform. Monday night's final recital of the present series, financially underwritten by that generous RCM henefactor. Peter Morri-Un ballo in maschera

Covent Garden

#### William Mann

RCM benefactor. Peter Morrison, was shared by a string quartet and a solo pianist both trained at the RCM. This revival of Orto Schenk's The planist, Peter Bradley, impressed first and foremost production, the first for four years, has been plagued with with the strength and breadth misfortune. When the series of of his style. The Chopin he presented in the G minor Ballade was no wan consumptive, but a bard as muscular performances began last Thursday, Luciano Pavarotti was on compassionate leave at home in Italy; the Anckarstroem, Renam Bruson, himself laid low with a virus infection, had to ask for a substitute as well, ject melody we could have done without reminders of the though he intends to sing from old-time custom of seeking tomorrow onwards. By Monday. when my colleagues and I were invited to review the revival, begun with terrific panache, it seemed slightly cheating to lessen hazards by means of Pavarotti had arrived, we were able to greet Matteo Manuguerra, on his debut in the Royal Opera House (his sterling nini Variations Mr Bradley was frequently too elastic for this rock-like composer, now and baritone is already familiar from records), and there too, were Montserrat Caballé as Amelia and Bernard Haitink as

again lessening the work's brilliance by leisurely choice of tempo (though not in the daredevil No 11). Yet here again the spaciousness of his conception, and the weight and warmth of tone he could command in support ware out the conductor: The misfortunes were not yet ended. The first two scenes went well. Pavarotti slimmer, mand in support, were quite exceptional. So was his crystalwell proportioned, indeed honeyed of vocal line and

constantly attentive to the meaning of words (though I wish he would not break double cansonants with an intrusive to the frivolous nature of King Gustavus. His solution for the laughter ensemble, "E scherzo od' é follia", was ideal, laughter in the voice but not added verbally to the music (as some, including Caruso, have done). Yvonne Kenny's Oscar contributed strongly to that ensemble, and her tall, strutting, effervescent pageboy looked delightful, though the voice does not really sparkle as her arias deserve, and as "Di che fulgor" in the library scene requires.

There were two boisterous, nicely rhythmical conspirators in Roderick Earle and Paul in Roderick Earle and Fall.
Hudson, a telling gypsy prophetess by Patricia Payne, a
lustrous glimpse of Cuballe's
Amelia, her long first phrase
spun out emoubly and softly
in a ravishing arch of tone.
Manuguerra's Anckarstroem
looked and sounded dependable,
backer and rather dull—later healthy, and rather duli-later he rose superbly to the library scene and a grandly, passion-arely voiced "Eri m.".

When the scene beneath the gallows began, it was clear that Caballe was in vocal difficulties, snatching extra breath, hardening her tone, uneasy in the upper register. Somehow

After some minutes the scene was resumed, the soprano nursing her woice whenever possible, never emitting an ugly sound, melting hearts at the end of "Morro, ma prima.", but inevitably offering part only of the interpretation expected, though aspiring singers were given an invaluable bonus lesson in vocal survival under

Caballé's bravery deserved all the grateful applause accorded by the audience, though her colleagues. Pavarotti in particular sounded less than comfortable in the succeeding scenes, and we in the audience also re-mained on edge. I have never cared for this production, its dingy settings least of all. This cast bade fair to compensate for the wisual drabness, and with luck will do so when its members are all restored to



Montserrat Caballé and Luciano Pavarotti

## ondon debuts

tet, now almost five years old, Far as it is from Brazil to type finale they really let the made their bid in only one work, Barrok's Second Quarter. Wigmore Hall, the Municipal resin fly.

South Of San Paulo Alan Gravili did not keep us As the recital was short, it was a pity they did not include some brief classical test too. But their full-bodied sonority, and still more, the warmth and intensity of their commitment. were valuable assets throughout Perhaps some of the first movement texture could have gia and keenly balanced tex-tures, in the first quartet of account their compatrios, Villa-Lobos, Rondo, een more ethereal. Certainly the central Allegro molto needed a still more pungent spiritire brilliance. But the fluid if not a profoundly intellectual tempo change of the outer movements, so less than the middle movement's caprice, always found them as one in ensemble. In sun, a worthwhile little sun-starved when exposed in the upper register. In Brahms's A minor quartet, Op 51. No 2, at the end of the programme, there was a tonal Donald Sinden will play Garry Essendine in Coward's Present Laughter, which opens at the Greenwich Theatie on January 29. Others in the cast will be homogeneity to match clo-seness of ensemble in every other respect. The two middle

String Quartet of Sao Paulo, founded 35 years ago but refounded 35 years ago but rehis audience was larger than suously beautiful tone, and the formed in 1979, can rest often encountered at debut assured that their journey was well worth while. Deriving particularly valuable warmth from the burnished foundation tone imagination as well as a keen of "Tranen" in her Meditaer of viola and cello, they ear to uphold very serviceable group as also to climaxes in excelled, both in lyrical nostal- fingers. After a sensitive but contexts as unlike as Wolf, unromanticized account of Mozart's A minor Rondo, he was uncommonly successful in integrating myswork, then at least an uncom- tery, might and melody in the was only at more confidential monly beguiling one. Schufirst movement of Beethoven's
bert's youthful E flat quartet, "Appassionata", even if its
Op 125, No 1, found them finale, because questionably Op 125, No 1, found them finale, because questionably adroit in melodic repartee, fast, seemed to lack a measure of internal tension. Untoward warm feeling behind every speeding once or twice took its note, chough in the intimate even if violin tone sounded a of internal tension. Untoward toll in an improvisational read-ing of Chopin's G minor Bal-lade. But in Debussy's Images (Book 1), two extracts from words. Her commanding Bartok's "Out of Doors" and pianist, Gordon Fergus-Thomp most of all in Messiaen's "Canteyodjaya" his controlled officer respect. The two movements were particularly agility, range of colour and winning in finesse without loss sustained intensity in atmosof Brahmsian sense of direc- pheric evocation were quite tion, while in the Hungarian- outstanding.

Introducing herself in the Kirckman series, the soprano ability to project it at considerable strength without the Duparc, Strauss, Seiber and Falla helped to explain why opera has claimed most of her time to date. Surprisingly, it moments that phrasing and even pitch once or twice faltered, as if because of unreliable breath control. There was world of Lieder she could still intensify characterization by more potent savouring of now and again overpowered her less strong lower register, but mellowed considerably as the evening progressed.

Joan Chissell

# Two Beethoven rarities

BBC SO/Loughran Festival Hall/Radio 3

Stanley Sadie Beethoven's Choral Fantasia is one of the puzzles of music. Circumstances—the urgent need ior a showy piece to round off a long concert-decreed that it evaded his usual processes of slow gestation, with piecemeal sketching and careful and critical working out; all the same, the miscalculations are too gross to be so simply explained. The huge, undistinguished piano solo at the beginning, with orchestra and chorus sitting waiting, at once establishes an out-of-joint relationship of means and ends; and the banality of some of the early variations is of an order that the greatest master of variation form had long left behind him. But the Choral Fantasia em-

some from the past (ghosts of passages from the fourth and fifth piano concertos) and, more important, some from the future. Its links with the Choral Symphony are well known; here we see Beethoven scenting new, grand ideas but lacking the time, the occasion, the judgment, even the equipment to penetrate their implications. We modulation which, as A to F, takes us thrillingly from one world to another in the Choral: here, he uses it too, twice over in fact, but only for momentary

dramatic effect. It is good to hear the piece and to have a chance to think about the insights it offers into Beethoven's creative mechanisms. On Monday it opened the BBC European Broadcasting Union concert. Edith Voge! played Beethoven's part, with a good deal of poetic force in the

bodies more than itself : lurking opening solo ; later on, simply because of the odds stacked behind it is a series of ideas, against the planist, any interpreter is bound to emphasize weight more than subtlety. There was more rare Beethoven, the cantata he wrote

at 19 to mourn the death of Joseph II. Perhaps his antiaristocratic tendencies had yet to take shape; he wears here with conviction the garb of the old-fashioned court composer and in distinctly new-fashioned music, music unmistakably a hear him, for example, use that a generation ahead of Die Zouberflöte, of Hayda's London symphonies (still to be written) and which he recalled when celebrating the reunion of Leonore and Florestan Not much else is of that quality, but plenty is sombre and striking. James Loughran conducted this music, with due spirit in the one work, intensity in the other; the BBC Singers acquired them-selves efficiently; and the bass solus were strongly, resonantly done by Stafford Dean, the soprano ones with visionary

beauty by Felicity Lott.

#### Motor racing

## Breakthrough in dispute heralds peace between FISA and FOCA

motor sport federation (FISA) and the formula one constructors' association (FOCA) over the control of motor racing at grand prix level. The breakthrough came after a 12-hour meeting of constructors at Ferrari headquarters in Modena, Italy, on Monday, which was attended by representatives of most of the leading teams.

A statement from Enzo Ferrari confirmed that agreement in principle had been reached by the constructors on a set of technical regulations which will be refined by a small committee during the next few days and then submitted to FISA for ratification.

Although no details were announced, I understand that the agreement is conditional on stability of regulations for the next four years, that the regulations will be under the jurisdiction of approach representative and properly representative and reable formula one commission. and that the world championship will be operated on the basis of FISA retaining control of tech-nical and administrative rules but not of commercial affairs. FISA's reaction to the document will have an important influence on the South African grand prix, which was thought to be going ahead on February 7 as a free

Although it is a fast bowler, Ltn Pascoe, whose fitness is in doubt, Australia's selectors have called up a spinner, Bruce Yardley, in making their only change in the 12 for the second Test match against India, starting at Adelaide Oval on Friday.

Pascoe, who was ruled out of omorrow's one-day international

against New Zealand at Sydney Cricket Ground, will be given a fitness test on the morning of the Test match. Pascoe, aged 30,

has bowled on wobbly kneed

throughout the current season and is due to have them operated on in the Australian autumn. He is resigned to missing Australia's tour of Engand later this year.

Yardley, who played 14 Test matches over the four series in which Australia were engaged during the Packer era, replaces Graf, the Victorian all-rounder, who came to Hampshire's aid last summer while Marshall was touring with the Yest Indians. He was twelfth man in all three Test matches against New

Test matches against New Zealand and the first against India. The selection of Yardley, a 33-year-old all-rounder, is a bint that Mallett no longer com-

mands the selectors' esteem and that Yardley could be making his first tour of England as one of

Although Yardley had just had a successful tour of India. Western Australia played him in only two Sheffield Shield games last season. However, he has been a regular this season and pressed his claims by taking 11 wickets against Tasmania in thois 12st march to raise

From Dillip Rao

Sydney, Jan 20

By John Blunsden

There is real hope that an end is in sight to the prolonged dispute between the international motor sport federation (FISA) and the formula one constructors' association (FOCA) over the control of motor racing at grand prix level. The breakthrough came after a 12-hour meeting of constructors at Ferrari headquatters in Modena, Italy, on Monday, the Imola circuit on May 3. Pro-ceeds of this event will go to the victims of the recent Italian earth-

quake.

Yardley's recall may show

selectors' line of thinking

victims of the recent Italian earmquake.

On his return to London the FOCA president, Bernard Ecclestone, revealed only caurious 
optimism when I spoke to him 
yesterday: "The most important 
thing, I think, is that we established that there is no conflict 
between different constructors, 
only perhaps a variation in our 
respective assessments of FISA, 
Also, for the first time during this 
difficult period, we have shown 
ourselves to be genuinely united 
in our desire to find an acceptable 
solution based on sensible regulations without first being submitted 
to any pressure from outside. Now 
that we have shown that we are 
agreed on how formula one and 
the world championship should be 
operated, we shall have to await 
FISA's reaction. By their response 
we shall know whether they have 
been motivated by a real desire to 
improve safety standards in grand

The recent round of Sheffield

prix racing or whether they have only been interested in power." That dispute has dragged on for That dispute has dragged on for so long, causing both sponsors and key suppliers like Goodyear to abandon grand prix racing, is due in considerable measure to the fact that the constructors and teams have gravitated towards one or other of the two camps, Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Renault, Talbot, Ligler and the new Toleman team taking the FISA side and the rest of the teams—mostly British-based—backing FOCA.

Now that there is unity between

-backing FOCA.

Now that there is unity between them all, the FISA president, Jean-Marie Balestre, must be under considerable pressure to ensure that the proposals are ratified with the minimum of delay. Whether or not the technical proposals include a ban on the controversial skirts, as insisted upon by PISA, remains to be seen; but, either way, to have obtained unanimous acceptance by the teams, the proposed rales will almost certainly have included safeguards to prevent the achievealmost certainly have included safeguards to prevent the achievement of excessive cornering speeds and inadequately short braking distances—issues central to the dispute—by other more complicated and more expensive means. Precise details of the proposals can be expected within the next few days after lawyers have scrutinized the small print and, it is to be housed, plugged all the it is to be hoped, plugged all the loopholes.

#### Gayaskar finds his touch as Indians win

The recent round of Sheffield Sheld matches, during which Yardley so effectively advanced his cause, was one of experiment, in that all three matches were played over three days of seven hours and 30 minutes instead of the traditional four six-hour days. The trial was preparatory to the Austrolian board considering a proposal to play all Sheffield Shield matches from next season over three longer days. Saving of money is one factor in seeking a break with tradition and the other is that Test match players would be available for more games than they were this season. Greg Chappell's team, Queenslaud, got the better of South Australia, but he has spoken out against the three-day match becoming regular practics. He feels that a seven-and-a-half hour day is too taxing in a hot country and objects also on the grounds that a match would be ruined if the weather interfered for long on one of the days. Gavaskar's tour form has been erratic, but his performance here was a useful boost before the second Test against Australia, which starts in Adeiaide on Friday. He retired soon after reaching his half century to give the middle-order batsmen manch. practice

practice

When the local team batted,
Yagraj Singh made the early
breakthrough and took three for
32. Shivist Yaday, the off spinner,
took two for 62

the weather interfered for long on one of the days.

Only one of the three experimental matches was left onfinished. It was one at the SCG between the leaders, New South Wales, and Victoria, which New South Wales, and Victoria, which New South Wales played rather unenterprisingly. The feature of a dreary last day, in fact, was a verbal attack by the hot-headed Pascoe on the Victorian captain, Richie Robinson.

AUSTRALIA (from): G. M. Wood, A. R. Border, G. S. Chappell (captain), K. J. Hughes, K. D. Walern, J. Dyson, B. Varder, R. W. Marth. D. K. Lilloe, R. M. Hogs, J. D. Higgs, L. S. Pascoe. Brady, b Shaph
Saunders, run out
Brisch, b Stagh
Fritsch, b Yadav
Hopper, b-w. b Singh
Lister b Stagh
Hopper, b-w. b Singh
Lister b Stagh
Lister b Patil, b Doshi
Howkind, c Patil, b Doshi
Howkind, c Patil, b Doshi
Howkind, c Raddy, b Doshi
Homden, not out
Extras (b 6, l-b 5, nb 1) Record-breaker on trial

Richards, another South African

mania in their last match to raise his tally for the season to 29. As Yardley delivers from a consider-shie height, his offbreaks tend to lift; but, like most Australian spinners, he does not readily bowl

two spinners.

Portland, Jan 20.—Sunil Gavas-kar, the Indian captain, made a timely return to form in a one-day limited-overs macch against a Victoria Country XI today, hitting 58 to help his side to a 64-run victory. The touring team scored 232 for seven in their quota of 49 overs and dismissed the local team for 168.

P. S. Chauman, c Howland, b Davis E. Srinivasan, run ent . Sharma, b Davis . Azar, b Scoti Manper, b Homden Sinon, c D via, b Brewster . Sinon, not out . Reddy, not out .

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-123, 149, 4-156, 5-172, 6-228, 7-331. BOWLING: Davis 18—1— 8colt, 9-0-3-1: Homden, 1 5-1: Brewsler, 1-0-1: 0-0-30-0: Howland, 2-0-

Hampshire are to give a trial to Robin Smith, the 17-year-old brother of their South African bassman, Chris. The younger Smith has broken all Natal school-boy batting records set by Barry Birhards, another South African

Table tennis

## Griffiths celebrates return with treble win

to play for Hampshire.

Scotland also scored two 7—0 wins and their match against Wales tonight should settle the championship and promotion to the second division next season.

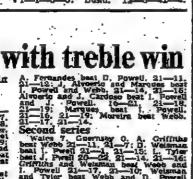
Scotland fielded their full strength team in overcoming Jersey. Richard Yula played a dominant part, not only winning his

21—11: R. Yule beat T. Quin, 21—21.
21—9: C. Datrymple beat P. Soper.
21—19: 21—9: Dodger and Yule beat
Maguire and Quin, 21—10. 21—9:
Yule and Datrymple beat Quin and
Soper. 21—7. 21—5: Rodger beat
Quin, 21—4. 21—13: Yule beat
Maguire, 21—6. 21—17: Wales F. Iceland O.-M. Thomas beat
Cristismason, 21—6. 21—7. N.
Thomas boat S. Koncadason, 21—8.
21—6. 21—11: M. Thomas and N.
Thomas beat Konvadsson and Cristismason, 21—7. 21—9: D. Wetsman and
M. Tyler beat Konvadsson and 3.
Eumradoitir, 21—13. 21—18: N.
Thomas best Cristismason, 21—11.
21—12: M. Thomas beat Konvadsson.



By Steve Elliort





Boxing

## Leonard in the middle of welter of offers

boxing that is, wants to meet Sugar Ray Leonard, the WBC welterweight champion. At the last count there were three: Maurice Hope, Britain's WBC light-middle-weight champion; Uganda's Ayub Kalule, the WBA champion who lives in Denmark; last but not least. Marvin Hagler, the undsputed world middleweight Champion, who humilisted Alan Minter, of Britain, and then stopped the hard-hitting Fulgencio Obelmejias, of Venezuela.

It seems that Kalule has secured the hout and it will be somewhere in the United States. Wherever it is in that country it should rake in the dollars as Kalule is the most elegant of boxers though not the hardest of hitters. Taking first things first, if Leonard wins he will have to decide within eight days which crown to keep: under the rules he cannot wear both even if it were physically possible. Then, perhaps, it will be Rope's turn.

The trony of this turn of events. The irony of this turn of events,

The irony of this turn of events, that cuts Hope out of the big money, is that Kaiule's manager, Mogens Palle, a Dane, had made a public offer to Hope last year through an advertisement in Boxing News to meet his man for the undisputed world title (which everybody who is anybody in boxing administration would like to see more than anything else) for £100,000, not a measly sum. There the offer lay and no one picked it the offer lay and no one picked it up. I do not know if it is still open, though I dare say Mr Palle may make it again if Kalole beats

be a blessing in disguite for Hope. He will now be able to see how Leonard handles himself against a light-middle weight and then assess light-middle weight and then assess whether he would want to risk his title against Leonard. In the meanwhile. Mickey Duff, the meanwhile. Mickey Duff, the meanwhile who went to the United States to limitize the deal with Leonard but came away empty handed, has got ideas on future opponents for Hope. There is Roberto Duran, who retired in disgrace against Leonard, but wants to show willing again. Mr Duff is not thinking of signing him for the Panamanian's rehabilitation, to be sure. Or there is Pipino Cuetas, the WBC No 2 and a former WBA champion.

Hagier, in the meantime, will be taking out his frustration on challengers for his title. "They are standing in line," Goody Petronelli, his manager, said yesterday.

Minner is at the back of the

Petronelli, his manager, terday.

Minter is at the back of the queue somewhere. First there is Chongpal Park, of South Korea, the No 3, or Hagler's old friend, Vito Antuofermo. "Vito is the second most attractive bout after Leonard," Steve Wainwright, Leonard," Steve Wainwright, Leonard, "Steve Wainwright, Leonard," Steve Wainwright, Leonard, "Steve Wainwright, Leonard," Steve Wainwright, Leonard, "Steve Wainwright, Leonard," Steve Wainwright, "Steve Wainwright, "Steve Wainwright, "Steve Wainwright," Cannot be seen a steve of the st Leonard," Steve Wainwright, Hagler's lawyer, says. I cannot imacine why anyone would want to see Antuofermo in action after

to see Antuofermo in action after his dismal performance against Minter. However, Ruben Pardo, of Arzentina, and two ranked boxers, the Syrlan-born Mustapha Hainsho and Dwight Davison are ahead of Minter.

Doug Bidwell, Minter's manager, had Sunday lunch with the Petronelit's in Boston but did not get anywhere. Mr Wainwright said: "A Minter fight is a possibility. When you are on top, everything is possible, but Marvin really wants Sugar Ray Leonard."

All this activity round the welterweights and middleweights cannot knock out the heavyweights. Muhammad Ali, or at least his promoter, Harold Smith, has arrived in San Juan, Puerto If Kalule does not win Hope could reopen negoriations with Mike Trainer, Leonard's lawyer, and pray that money does not ger that Leonard may take on an even bigger task, Hagler. In such a case Hope could do worse than port his title up against Kalule's bout with Leonard may would certainly keep Hope on the money trail.

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Meadowbank, but the international squad's new coach, Bobby Neil,

believes the Scots can turn the

· England have lost the services of the experienced Ray Gilbody and Gary Felvus through filmess and injury and Bob Jones and Leonard Ashton come in

### McLeod blow to Scotland

Ian McLeod, the 22-year-old land last beat England 7-4 a Scottish amateur featherweight champion, has pulled out of the annual clash against England, taking place at Renfrew today, to mrn professional.

McLeod, Scotland's captain and three three their champion, was

three times their champion, was the back-bone of their team and his decision does little to boost his decision does little to boost the morale of a team seeking their first victory in 14 outings. McLeod is replaced by a Glasgow youngster Dave Savage, who makes his first appearance for the senior team. It is now six years since Scot-

Skiing

#### Too much snow delays women's slalom

A women's world cup sialom Crans Montana, Switzerland, after 28in of snow fell in the night. The organizers called in 200 volunteers to help to clear the course. Bad weather ruled out a down-

hill event at the same resort on Sunday which has now been re-arranged for Megève, in France, The world ski jumping cup enters its Swiss stage at St Moritz today with three men dominating the event. Armin Kogler, of Austriz, leads with 98 points, one

Austria, leads with 98 points, one ahead of his compatriot and the former leader, Hubert Neuper, with Roger Rund, of Norway, a further 10 points behind.

Kogler, who was fifth in the 90 metres event at the winter Olympics, passed Neuper, the silver medal winner, thanks to a better performance in the last two lumps in Czechoslovakia. Rund won both these jumps to leap up the overall standings and it was in Switzerland last season that he produced his best form, winning at 5t Moritz, finishing second at Gstaad and fourth at Engelberg.

The St Moritz jump will be Gstand and fourth at Engelberg.

The St Moritz jump will be followed by Gstand on Friday and Engelberg on Sunday, after which the cup goes juto hibernation for three weeks. Two jumps were to have been held in Zakopana, Poland, on January 17 and 18 but were cancelled for financial reasons.

Tennis

## Coach is given a lesson

by her pupil
Cincinnati, Jan 20.—Hana
Mandikova, of Czechosłovakia,
defeated her coach, Betty Stove, of
the Nemerlands, 6—1, 6—4 in the
first round of a \$150,000 tournament last night. Miss Mandlikova,
readed second in this tournament ment last night. Miss Mandilkova, seeded second in this tournament and ranked fourth in the world, took only 63 minutes to defeat the unseeded Miss Stove, who has been the 19-year-old's full-time coach since June. Two upsets highlighted the first day's play as Anne Smith ousted her fifth-seeded fellow American, Kathy Jordan, 6—4, 7—5, and Roz Fairbank of the United States beat the eighth-seeded Mina Jausovec, of Vuovalavia, 7—5, 3—6, 6—3

the eighth-seeded Mims Jausovec, of Yugosiovia, 7—5, 3—6, 6—3.

First Round R. Mandistva (Crechoslovalia) best B. Stove (Netherlands) 6—1, 6—3, 4. Smith (US) best known (S) (See the Seeder Control of the Control of t

28. A spokesman for the sponsors said today that the two stars would not be playing for any prize money but would only via for the coveted challenge trophy which he said will be an ahmual affair. The classic is being organized in conjunction with the international Management Group.

Rugby Union



Successful operation: the Guy's Hospital pack wins the ball from a ruck to set up a pa-

## Lightning strikes twice in gloom

St. Thomas's 3 Guy's 3
Guy's scored a pensity goal and St Thomas's a dropped goal in their Hospitals Cup first round match at Chislehurst yesterday. The replay date has still to be decided. The winners are due to play The London Hospital at Cobham on Jamary 29.

Until the last 10 minutes neither team looked remotely like scor-Util the last 10 minutes neither team looked remotely like scoring except through penalties, and they missed all those, usually with room to spare. Then St. Thomas's, to their credit, won the bell against the head at a scrummage in Gny's 22 and Marphy dropped a goal That was that, we thought. Nobody is going to score again in a match like this. Lightning is not supposed to strike twice

ped goal were still subsiding when, a minute later, they were from the kick-off, which Gny penalised in the loose in their 22 and Bundy, from an angle which had defeated all previous Rickers, landed the goal. A replay. Groans all round, their posts and Marphy way ur their pos

play. Groans all round,
There was a little more excitement to come, though it was small enough compensation for small enough compensation for the barrenness of mearly every-thing that had gone before. Somehow or other, St Thomas's managed to set. Newington free on the left wing in the last min-ute, and for one frantic moment it seemed that he might run round Guy's defeace. Robson Marphy dropped a goal

That was that, we thought, was up in support on the inside, Nobody is going to score again but they were too near Euch in a match like this. Lightning for their own good, and Guy's is not supposed to strike twice in the same place. But it did here, after a fashion. The cele-

missed five times. Guy's shoul have won any yay, because the forwards were marginally stronge and their backs occasionally rie to do more with the ball that thump it down field. However the players enjoyed the game, an that is the main thing.

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Referee: A. Evans (London.)

## Navy are outgunned five to one Bristol fashion

corner today. A new sponsorship deal has allowed Neil, a London-based Scot with several professional boxers in his stable, to take his side away for four days to concentrate on their preparations. By Alan Gibson

It did not rain during the match but the pitch was soggy and from the first moments the predominant sound was the slap of boots on mud. These conditions did not favour the Navy, whose hopes this season rest principally upon some lively backs. Bristol were not at full strength but nevertheless had ample command in all departments. ample command in all departments. In front, and were able to give their backs about five chances to the Navy's one. The Navy hardly ever heeled except on the retrent, and though it was much to their credit; and the crowd's pleasure, that they kept running the ball, they naver looked as if they might win the match.

Bristol took an early lead with a penalty by Gorvett and were 22 points up at half time. Both wings, Lane and Carter, scored tries, Gorvett converting both. He kicked another penalty and then scored a try himself. At least it was a nusboyer try by the for gospel of the present President of the RFU: "If in doubt always award it to the number eight". John Kendall-Carpenter has scored a few dozen tries by this method, equally agreeable to number eights

In the second half Bristol went

further ahead with a try by Wright and it looked as if the match might become slightly embarrassing: but the Navy, obviously a fit team, were not discouraged. It was not that Bristol relaxed—every Bristol player is concerned with his place in the team, whatever the score: Penfold kicked two penalty goals for the Navy, who were unlucky not to score a try in a rousing last 10 minutes, when they twice went very close. Royal Navy 6. minutes, wi

They were certainly looking the stronger side by the end. The trouble was—I am sorry to return to the analogy again but I cannot resist it—the trouble was that like fellicoe at Juliand, they started a little late, and found the foe out of their reach.

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## Smallwood given the vote

Giles Smallwood, of Northern, is chosen at No 8 in place of the injured Roger Uttley for Northumberland against Gloucestershire in the county champions in final at Kingsholm on January 31.

Ringsholm on January 31.

Smallwood stood in for Uttley in the semi-final round match against Surrey, but there had been bints that the Morpeth farmer, I. Pringle, could come into the back row for the final. Pringle is selected among the replacements, and the only other

change in the side from the semifinal is the return of the captain, S. Gustard, on the wing after re-covering from a leg injury.

TEAM: S. Patrick (Gosforth): J. Polick (Northern), R. Bjenkey (Gosforth): A. Tindle (Northern), J. S. Gustari (Cosforth): M. Toung (Gosforth): O. Wille (Gosforth), M. Toung (Gosforth), S. Bell (Cosforth), S. Balabrian (Gosforth), T. Robert (Gosforth), J. Robert (Gosforth), J. Richardson (Gosforth), R. Anderson (Gosforth), M. Anderson (Gosforth). REPLACEMENTS: W. Telford (Alm-wick); I. Ramage (Gosferth). T. Bell (Almwick); G. Dixon (Tynedale); P. Morden (Northern), I. Pringle (Mor-Horden (Northern), I. Pringle (Mor-

#### McMillan is nov the centre of discussion

Alan McMilian looks set to leave Gosforth after being ki out of their side for their thin round John Player Cup the a home to Fylde on Saturiay. He has told the club that he want to be considered only in the centre.

McMillan, who toured will England in the Far East in May last year, was also omitted from the side to play Richmond in match cancelled by bad weather last Saturday. "In the past swallowed my pride and played on the wing because that; where the the wing because that's where the

"But on Saturday Richard Breakey wasn't playing, ! thought I'd get a game in the centre, but they brought ! another lad and I must admit was a bit fed up. I don't enjo playing on the wing. "What the next step will be really don't know but I taley be emigrating to Canada later the year. Whether I stay with Gosford

meantime. I haven't made up it mind yet." McMillan could sil be in the Gosforth side agains Fyide because David Johnson i receiving treatment for a bag string injury and does not expects be fit.

Leicester, the holders, has done their best to make sure it tie, at Roundhay does not favictim to the weather. Leiceste who have all their curres England internationals availab and are able to field the strongest side since they met it Eurbarians. have lent the Yeri shire club their plastic tarpaulit to protect the pitch.

#### Cambridge captain

Huw Devices (King Edward V. Stoubridge and Selwyn), the replacement stand-off for Englan at Cardiff last Saturday, is the new captain of Cambridge University; he beat Martus Rose, anothe England replacement, by just on vote. The new secretary will be Toby Alichurch (Abbey HS, Red ditch, and Downing),

#### For the record

## Golf US TOUR EARNINGS:1, J. Müler, \$54,000 2, B. Liecke, \$51,749; \$5, L. Hinkle, \$55,066; 4, J. Pate, \$12,700; 9, D. Edwards, \$25,200; 9, D. Halldarson, \$21,275; 7, W. Rogers, \$31,042; B. L. Trevno, \$13,550, 9, J. Mahaffoy and D. Poal, \$13,200; 53, P. Costerhuis (GB), \$1,520. Cycling

ROTTERDAM: Six-day: 1. D. Clark and R. Allan (Australia: 50) etc. 3, R. Pilinen and J. Raas (Netherland), 550 pts: 5. P. Serra (Belgium) and A. Fritz (WG), 299 pts. Ice Hockey

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## Derbyshire cricket, club and county, will profit from the presence of Guy Willatt

# Benevolent gnome with steel in his eyes



Guy Willatt in 1947. Today he is still willing to serve the line of one from Tom Dewdney when I was playing for Kendal in the Northern League and the next thing I knew was waking up in hospital and bearing the sister say, "Take his pulse every 10 minutes". It was the same day that poor Collee Smith was killed. I was very lucky."

He also experienced a wide range of quality in his educational career. "I taught at a ghastly Prep school in Middlesex before going

up to Cambridge. The classrooms up to Cambridge. The classrooms were divided by currains, one had to do duty ever other night and received the princely remuneration of £100 per annum." But at Repton, Edinburgh Academy, Hexersham and Pockington he caverienced and helped to create differing categories of excellence. His first headmastership was at Heversham where he laboured against bureaugratic tyranny and interference to the point of break-

ington must have come as a well come relief. His talents as a crick etter were soon in demand and he batted with distinction in helping. The Prides — Pocklington team based on staff boys and Old Boys—to marrow defeat in the final of the first Cricketer national club knock-out.

knock-out.

Predictably Pocklington's cricker has flourished but a firm ambition of the headmaster, himself a soccer blue, was that the achool's rugby should; before his departure, achieve a greater or at least equal degree of success. His wish has been granted. Last season the school enjoyed magnificant results but in the current season they have surpassed themselves. Bighteen matches have been played and eighteen won, including victories over QEGS. Wakefield, Bradford GS, Leeds GS, and Worksop, Gny Willat has watched every match.

At the school's rugby supper, which girls attended for the first time. Willatt exercised a delicate version of "Droit de Seigneur". The rugby captain was required to select, one willing and appropriately personable young lady to be the reciplent of the headmaster's chaste kiss. The event was predictably cheered to the echo.

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Short but powerfully built, Willlat his the looks of a benevolent
gnome and be it hardly the most
fashion-conscious of men. Affectionate rumour at Pocklington
affirms that he has been mistaken
by visiting parents for his own
cardener; but there is steel in the
deep-set eyes as well as kindliness.

He had few rows during his reign as Derbyshire captain but one male actor who occasioned his wrath received a verbal blast that he will probably still remember. "I have just played at Swansca in front of 20,660 miners and every one of them had more manners than you, You're not leaving until I get an apology." It was forth-coming. Without men like Willatt, sport and education would be the poorer.

Rugby League

## Further boost for an event which keeps on growing

learue's public relations officer, said.

The popularity of the game is expected to be given a further boost with the showing of match highlights on TV. This will begin next month and details of the Granada and Yorkshire TV venture will be given on February 9. A slot following News at Ten is expected for a Monday evening screening of a top first division game leading to the championship climax.

In the list of top 10 try scorers this season nine out of the 10 are new faces from last season with only Ian Ball, of Barrow, relaining his place. Top of the list with 24 tries is John Crossley, the stand-off half for the second division leaders, York, who needs only two more tries to equal the second division record; held by Geolf Munro, an Oldham winger, Ironically, the speedy Crossley was made available to the first division leaders, Castleford, last season but they returned him to York after a month's trial. Consolation for Castleford is that their young Welsh winger, Terry Richarson its second in the table with 15 tries. Third is Andrew Fletcher, of Wakefield Trinity, who has threatened to quit the club because a tranmate "keeps getting at me."

By Keith Macklin

One of the Rugby League's sponsored competitions, the John Player Trophy has multiplied its aggregate attendances year by wear since the first competition 10 years ago, figures released yesterday showed. During the first aggregate, total was 105,479, Aiready this season with the final being played next Saturday 150,775 have passed through the turnstiles and a further 10,000-plus can be expected for the Barrow v'Warrington game at Wigan.

"A fifty per cent increase in attendance figures over 10 seasons is tremendous when one considers that in some competitions gates that in some competitions gates are declining", David Howes, the league's public relations officer, said.

The popularity of the game is Nicholls for St Heiens and Great Fieldings (Salford) trail in the table with 11 tries each.

Hubbard could be one of the surprise candidares for an interfactional place when the England selectors meet on February 9 in choose the team to play Wales it the triangular rournangent. Others likely to come into contention and Ball (Barrow). Wood (Futhand Ball (Barrow). Wood (Futhand Ball (Barrow)) among the petric will be staged at a thease in St (Helens tonight. George Nicholls, the St Helens and Grail Britain forward whose career is likely to end this season because of an accumulative toll of injuries, is the guest of honour at a testimonial roadshow. International teammates from several Australasian mours will travel from all parts of the country to be there, with Len Casey, the Hull KR forward, making a 350-mile round trip by car to pay his personal tribute. Casey and Nicholls were on the 1979 tour of Australasia.

Eight French changes Toulouse, Jan 20. France today announced a rebuilt side to face Wales in a Rugby League inter-national at Narbonne on January

Eight changes have been made to the side beaten 11—3 by New Zealand here last month. They have recalled players injured at the time and included a new caphe is 23 year-old Christian Macalli, a hooker. a hooker.

TEAM: M. Pillon. S. Rodriguer. H. Ratter. M. Naode. J. Moys. Gurand. I. Grasseque. D. Cassenon. C. Macall. M. Chantal. J. P. Tremoulle. J. Gine. J. Roosebrook.

He also recalls the less enviable aspects of the game with even greater clarity. "I ducked inside

Racing

## Badsworth Boy has better chance than most in Newbury lottery

Racing Correspondent Badsworth Boy, Fire Drill and Whisky Go Go, three entries for the Schwepnes Gold Trophy at Newbury next month, dominated the finish of the Bakedown the finish of the Blakedown Handicap Hordle at Worester yesterday. Ridden by Tommy Carmody, Badsworth Boy shrugged off his big hurden and brushed his rivals aside. Minital Dickinson, who, was there deputizing for her minital the trainer. Michael, confirmed that Badsworth Boy will definitely take his chance in the definitely take his chance in the annual lottery at Newburg.

Mrs Dickinson added that Silver Buck, the stable's dual winner of the King George VI Steeplechase, is in good order and will run next, on the same afternoon at Newburg in the Compton Steeplechase, thas

Badsworth Boy looks a better Badsworth Boy looks a better horse this season than he did last when he had a spell of steeple-chasing. In last year's Schweppes he could finish only sixth, but judged on yesterday's performance he is going to make his presence felt much more this time, John Santer, Hill's man on the spot, was so impressed with the way that Badsworth Boy beat Fire Drill and the others that he stashed the horse's price to 12 m 1.

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Drill has eased in the market to 20-1, and understandably so because it is impossible to envisage him beating Badsworth Boy at Newbury. The feeling in the Fire Drill camp was that the blinkers that he was wearing for the first time had no effect at all. Curmody may well have been lucky to escape the wrath of the lucky to escape the wrath of the steleards because he and Badsworth Boy were the cause of no little bother after jumping the second last hurdle. It was then that Badsworth Boy veered to his right. In the mélée that ensued Raging Torrent was the meat in the sandwich.

Ma Maison was expected to complete a double for Dickinson by winning the Haigh Whisky Novices' Hurdle (qualifier) but, for the second time in as many races, he ducked to his right and ran out just before a hurdle with

races, he ducked to his right and ran our just before a hurdle with his amateur rider, Dermot Browne. His race was eventually won by Sallor's Rejurn and anyone who had the good fortune to watch his rider, Peter Scudamore, not only then but also in the race before will know why he has been tipped to become the champian jockey one day, Scudamore's grength on Sallor's Rejurn had to be seen to be believed. At no stage did he give up when defeat was staring hum in the face all the way

up the straight. Half an hour earlier he had given another quite exceptional exhibition of persua-sive horsemanship to win the Martley Handicap Steeplechase on Slippery Dick.

Slippery Dick and Sallor's Retrained near Stow-on-by David Nicholson whose stable can do little wrong

No one will appreciate winning the Well To Do Challenge Cup at Towcester today more than Tim Forster who owned the Tim Forster who owned the horse of that name and trained him to win the Grand National in 1972. Well To Do was left to Captain Forster by the late Heather Summer, whose husband, John, annually presents this trophy in her memory. Caprain Forster is relying upon Medoc who has won over today's course and distance this season and at Fontwell Park in the meantime. There he finished nearly five lengths ahead of Momy Python who is one of his rivals again. Monty Python has a good record at Towcester, but he will be meeting Medoc on 41b worse terms

#### Folkestone programme

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3.15 BREDE CHASE (Novices: £886: 34m)

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Evens Aldo 4-1 Clissande, S-1 Rujoli, 20-1 Caklawn.

3.45 NORTHIAM HURDLE (Div II: novices: £552 : 2m 110yd) - \* 103 Mountain Man, D. Morley, 5-11-11 S. Davice, 607 O00-9 Guernaventure, A. Neavec, 6-11-6 C. Mann 7 April 100 O00-9 Rodston, D. Oricaell, 6-11-6 ... Turnell 600 O0 Armoral, A. Ingram, 6-11-4 ... Stave Rnight 610 O3-03 Bibas Bounty, A. Pitt, 5-11-3 ... Scarfe 7-17 Cyprus Sun, W. Musson, 4-10-5 P. Hobbs 4-6 Mountain Man, 4-1 Ribas Bounty, 5-1 Cyprus Sun, 6-1 Rodshot, 20-1 My Sunny, 25-1 others.

4.0 LONGWATER HURDLE Div 11: Novices:

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By Our Racing Correspondent 1.15 Jamie Scott, 1.45 Bryan Boru, 2.15 Fford, 2.45 Donegal Prince, 3.15 Aldo, 3.45 Mountain Man.

Towcester selections

Ev Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Regalos, 1.30 Mike Channon, 2.0 Prince Andrei,
2.30 Whistle For Gold, 3.0 Herr Capital, 3.30 Medoc,
4.0 Ankus.

2.30 (2.34) MARTLEY CHASE (Handler) St. (120) 2m; Mortcos: Handlern, St. (120) 2m; Mortcos: Handler 3.0 (3.4) MAIG WMISAY MUNDLE (Nosices: Qualifor: 61.517 2m : SALLORS RETURN, b g, by Harwell —Luisiana (Mr. S. Taimion), 5-11.4 P Scudmare (15-2) ; Chelses island Mr. M. Low (16-1) ; Galway Blaze , T. Carmody (7-2) ; CARWAY BIARS . T. CARTINGS 17-2: 3 TOTE Win. 75p places 18p. El. 15. 1op: Dual F. El. 22 es 18f. E. 33. D. Nichnison al Stow on the Wold . 13. Shind. Ma Maison 44-5 (av. ro): Sea Cargo 123-1, 4th. NR: Hugh's Folly. Owens Deep.

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## India may come to Luton Miss Hobley's for World Cup build-up August 3 to 27. There will be five full international matches.

By Sydney Friskin By Sydney Friskin India, the Olympic champions, have expressed a wish to join England, Scotland, and West Germany in the Hockey Association's quadrangular tournament on October 17 and 18, a venue for which has not yet been found. Among the more suitable grass pitches discussed at a press conference in discussed at a press conference in London yesterday, was Wardown

Park, Luton.

The HA originally invited Spain, from whom nothing has been heard, and the invitation may, instead, go to India who did not take part in the Champions Trophy tournament in the Computer Stophy tournament in Karachi this nonth. The quadrangular will be England's final preparation for the World Cup tournament in Bomhay at the end of the year. Poland, who have qualified for the World Cup event, will shortly be visiting these shores. They play Ireland in Dublin on March 14 and 15, when Wales will be entertaining Scotland in Cardiff. Arrangements are being made for Poland to play England in midweek before taking on Wales in Cardiff on March 21 and 22.

There is little likelihood of England touring Europe this summer as originally hoped but later there will be a tour of Australia. The dates proposed are August 1 to 31, but England prefer tournament in Karachi this month.

full international matches.

On the domestic front, a settlement now seems likely in the dispute between the HA and the organizers of the London League. The matter was passed back by the HA council to the management committee who are near the point of agreement to split the league into two divisions, the top 10 in the first division (to be played on a home and away basis) and the bottom 16. The new scheme, if accepted, will not come scheme, if accepted, will not come into effect until the beginning of the 1982-83 season.

Indoors, the draw for the quarter-final round of the national club championship, sponsored by Rank Xorox, was announced. Beck-enham and Tulse Hill, last year's ennam and luise this, last years winners and runners-up respectively, will meet in the first match at Crystal Palace on March 13, starting at 5.30 pm. The draw is: Beckenham v Tulse Hill; Pelicans v Blackheath; Teddington v East Cripared: Southport v Slough. v Blackheath: Teddington v East Grinstead: Southport v Slough.
England, Scotland, Austria and Denmark will take part in the international indoor tournament at Crystal Palace on February 28. At the HDM tournament in The Hague this weekend there will be two teams from England, the national side playing as the Lions and the Roses.

## prove decisive -By Joyce Whitehead

By lain Mackenzie Sylain, Mackenzie

Scottish football has had to live
with a number of problems for
the whole of this century. Hooliganism is one, the emigration of
much of the finest talent another,
control often in the hands of the
wrong people a third. Some foltowers of the game, and a dwindline hand that is ear that a fourth South 3 South opened the women's territorial series of 10 matches territorial series of 10 matches with a well-deserved vin at Home Pack, Windsor, yesterday.

Midlands started where they had left off 10 days ago when they best fourth Wales, 2—0, Jame Swinnerson scored a perfect solo goal-in the first five minutes but ing band that is, say that a fourth is predictability and the one which presents the biggest prob-lem of all.

from then on, though they hustled the South, they could not finish. the South, they could not finish.

For the South it was certainly Lesley Hobley's day in the circle. She scored three copybook goals. By half-time she had equalized from a corner. Later, she converted a flue pass across the goalmouth from the left by Sheila Harding to equalize for the second time and, minutes later, she scored the winning goal, again from a corner.

SOUTH: P. Clabon Berkshire. D. Richardson (Surrey: M. Tranks (Middlesex). A. Baker (Susyers, W. Dodd (Berkshire, Rapialin). S. Fryer (Susyers). J. Vallah (Hamnohire). S. Lister (Susyers). L. Habley (Bucklathamshire). L. Rankshiph (Bucklathamshire). Harding (Middleser).

MIDLANDS: L. Ballow (Bodford-chire). K. Lieucilyn (Warwickshire).

D. Jones (Bedfordshire, CPE). M. Tama-gin (Warwickshire). B. Moddon (Morthamoushire). R. Johnson (Morthamoushire). R. Carreshire. R. Sailordshire). B. Woodward (Percolumbire). B. Woodward (Percolumbire). B. Grimley (Loicespershire). Capialia. this season a familiar pattern has formed already. In each of the three divisions two sides are on their own at the top and in the premier division and in the second

Football

## Suspended Strong ruled out of derby tie

Les Strong, the experienced Fulham defender, will miss his side's FA Cup tourth round London derby match against Chariton, the third division leaders, ar Craven Cottage on Saturday. Strong was suspended for two matches yesterday by an FA commission in London after collecting 20 disciplinary points. Makeolm Macdonald, the Fulham manager, said: "It's what we expected. Two games is the going rate at the moment and we had already made plans for Saturday."

Ridley, the Chesterfield midfield player, and Speedie, the Darlington defender, who made a 500-mile round trip to appear before the commission, also received twometch suspensions for reaching 20 points. The commission also ruled than

made plans for Saturday.

The commission also ruled that Norwich City were wrong to fine Bund, their defender, a week's wages for failing to report for early treatment to a groin injury. The matter arose when Bond was ruled out of an'FA Cup tie against Cambridge United. Soon afterwards he was fined, and he recently lost the team captaincy because he is on the transfer list. Bond said: "I felt a principle was at stake and it is nice to know that my principles have been upheld,"

The defeat of West Ham, the The defeat of West Ham, the

The defeat of West Ham, the FA Cup holders, at Wrexham on Monday night in a third round second replay has relieved some of the London chub's fixture congestion. Their first priority is promotion to the first division and they are still involved in both the European Cup Winners' Cup and the League Cup.

John Lyall, their manager said:
"Our defeat, at Wrexham has taken the pressure off us. Some people might say that it is a good thing for us to go out of the FA Cup, but at least we proved in the way we played that we wanted to stay in the competition."

Wrexham of the second division,

Wrexham of the second division, now entertain Wimbledon, of the fourth division, in the fourth round on Saturday. Dario Gradi, round on Saturday. Dario Grad, the Wimbledon manager, watched Wrexham victory and said: "I am very disappointed that West Ham lost. Obviously there is the financial aspect, but I also felt we had a better chance of bearing West Ham. Their directness might have given us more chance."

ootball Correspondent

Wimbledon supporters who dis-

Realistically there is little prospect of Wimbledon turning down the opportunity of playing at Schurst Park if the Football League give their approval to the " work-

ing arrangement" between a con-sortium led by Mr Noades and the Crystal Palace club.

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On Monday a consortium of businessmen bought the 75 per cent controlling interests of the present Crystal Palace chairman, Raymond Bloye, and although the League's Management Committee are against directors being involved in more than one club, and hope to ban such arrangements next month, they are not averse to ground-sharing.

The announcement that Mr. Bloye's shares would be trans-

Bloye's shares would be trans-ferred to the consortium does not appear to have sertied all of the speculation. Last night a board meeting at Charleon Athletic fin-ished with some hints that they too would be interested in a ground-sharing arrangement with Crystal Palace, although no firm statement was forthcoming. This is not the first time that Charlton

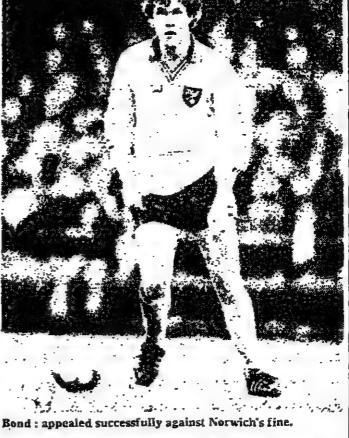
West Ham. Their directness might have given us more chance."
Terry Cooper, 36, the former England and Leeds full back, is preparing to name himself in the Bristol Rovers team against Southampton. Cooper, Rovers' player-manager, said: "I am pretty lit and go out with the players every day. We have a few injuries and not a very large first team squad and I will be stenoiled up my training this week players every day. We have a few injuries and not a very large played and scored in a private first team squad and I will be training game against Stoke on stepping up my training this week with a view to playing. It is a Watford. Gray has not played

Turnstile power could keep

Wimbledon supporters who discussions with Crystal Palace and like the prospect of their team playing at Selhurst Park in a ground-sharing arrangement with Crystal Palace have been given a sight chance of appeasement. The club's chairman, Ron Noades, has indicated that if attendances has indicated that if attendances at Piough Lane increase by about 1,000 from an average of around 2,000, the scheme may be dropped.

Resiliedly there is little more

Wimbledon at home



Enfield, who have already knocked out Hereford and Port Vale, travel to Barnsley after two Vale, travel to Barnsley after two successive cup defeats. On Sarurday they were knocked out of the London Semor Cup by Harrow Burough and on Monday Aylesbury beat them in the F.A. Trophy. Eddie McCluskey, their manager, said: "Losing against Aylesbury means that a big chunk has gone from our season, because the Trophy is our premier competition. I just hope we're a bit sharper in front of goal on Saturday."

Tottenham, at home to Hull Tottenham, at home to Hull

City, make fitness-checks today on Villa, Hughton and Lacy, Keith Burkinshaw, the Tottenham Keith Burkinshaw, the Tottenham manager, has not decided yet whether to recall Ardies, who was fined by the club and omitted from the side against Arsenal after returning late from the Gold Cup competition in Uruguay. Hull will be without Horswill and Moss, who are both recovering from operations, and Murrie and Whitehurst, who are ineligible. Ferguson, who has an ankle injury, and Roberts, who has fiu, are doubtful.

Gray, the Wolves Striker.

have expressed ideas of joining

with another club. They have pre-viously been involved in informal discussions with Crystal Palace and Millwall.

game in which I feel we will need my experience, because we have a lot of teenagers."

Enfield who have alreads

Johnston, Middlesbrough's Johnston, Middlesbrough's highly-rated young midield player, and Ashcroft, their centre half, both hope to recover from knee muries in time to face West Bromwich Abion. Manchester City, at home to Norwich, will be without Reid, who is suspended, and Ranson, who is injured. Booth and Henry are expected to replace them. Norwich hope to have Fashapu and Hoadley back after injury.

Exeter meet Leicester without Pearson, their former Millwall striker. He was ruled out yesterday after his wife went into hospital for an operation. Johnston, highly-rated

Yesterday's results

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#### Robertson mayreturn to Scotland.

West Bromwich Albion's long serving Scorrish defender Alistai Robertson has asked for a move after losing his place in recent games. Robertson, who has been with Albion for more than 10 years, put in a written transfer request after being forced out of to Wimbledon since their election to the Football League but added that if the team did play at Seiburst Park he would arrange for supporters to have coach transport. This suggestion will not win the approval of those supporters who have already said Wimbledon will become nothing more than Crystal Palace's reserve team.

As for the League's misgivings over joint directorship, Mr Noades said that separate boards could be formed to ensure that the clubs were run independently.

Although ground-sharing is widely accepted on the Continent, it has never won support in the Football League, except in times of emergency. The most recent proposal for such a scheme came in north London where Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur were reviously interested in building a new combined stadium, but the s central defen Martyn Bennett. He was recalled for the 2-0 victory over Brighton last Saturday but only because Bennett moved to full back to cover for the injured Brendan

cover for the injured Brendan Baison.

The 28-year-old defender who has played alongside the captain, John Wile in more than 400 games for Albion has already attracted the interest of Scottish clubs. Rangers and Aberdeen, and Albion are expected to listen to offers. Cambridge United have placed their strikers Roger Gibbins and John Lyons on the transfer list. Lyons, a \$100,000 buy from Mill-wall three months aco, has been wall three months ago, has been unable to gain a regular place in John Docherty's promotion-charing second division side. Gibbins whose previous clubs were Totten-ham Hotspur, Oxford United, Norwich City and the American side New England Teamen, joined

Norwich City and the American side New England Teamen, joined Cambridge last season.

Halifax Town have parted company with Bobby Flavell, a midical player and are reporting the matter to both the Football League. He was left out of the side heaten at Bournemouth last Saturday. Then the maeager George Kirby said that "a disciplinary matter" was involved. Flavell rejoined Hallifax as a non-contract player last month after being released by Barnsley.

Preston North End, losing about £4,000 a week, yesterday took a double step to cut wage costs by announcing that Sean Haslegrave and Danny Cameron can leave on free transfers. Haslegrave, a former Stoke player, cost Preston £22,000 from Nortingham Forest two years ago, and this scason rejected a £15,000 move to Bury. Cameron. a full back, joined Preston on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday in 1976.

Alan Ball will not follow the example of his World Cup colleague. Marpn Peters, and hang up his boots to concentrate on management full time. With Peters leaving the dressing room to take on the manager's inh at Sheffield leaving the dressing room to take on the manager's job at Sheffield United, Ball is now the sole mem-ber of Ectland's World Cup win-ming team still playing.

## FA against date change

Officials of the Foorball Association will oppose attempts to move the home international championship matches back to the middle of the season, when they meer representatives of the Football League in Manchester next month. Members of the Scotland, Ireland and Wales FA will also be present as football's governing bodies discuss the possibilities of a later start to the season, which could cause congestion at the end.

Scotland, for one, would like a return to the old system, but an FA spokeman, Glen Kirton, said: "We think the championship has been reasonably successful at the end of the season, What we would like to see is for the spanning the start of the season of the season

It is hard to argue. Records.

It is hard to argue. Records show that since 1990 the Scottish League championship has been held 74 times, the break being during the last war. In that time Rangers and Celtic between them have won it 62 times, leaving a meagre 12 titles to be shared among seven other clubs: Hiberman (four), Heart of Midlothian, and Aberdeen (two each) and one each to Third Lauark, Motherwell, Dundee and Kilmarnock.

Since, of those only Mother-well and Kilmarnock do not oper-ate from one of Scotland's four-major cities, an adjunct to the problem is the weakness of small

own teams.
With three months remaining of

nock.

side are where they are only he-cause the Clasgow pair are tom-porarily weaker than they were. Weaker or not, Celtic and Ran-gers still fill second and third

places with the others nowhere; if Aberdeen do stumble on the

run-in vet another title will go to Glasgow. Two former cham-plons, Hearts and Kilmurnock, are

well adrift at the other end and are almost certain to be relegated. Hearts after only a season in the

Ironically they will probably he replaced by their close rivals Hins, whose last minute goal on Saturday in one of only two matches

premier division

reriously interested in building a new combined stadium, but the idea was dropped after considerable opposition from residents in the vicialty of Alexandra Park, the proposed site.

Arsenal are now allegedly more interested in interior money in the former Dutch international Johan Cruvff, but they are in competition with several European and American clubs. Cruyff is currently listening to offers from as far apart as Valencia and San Diego.

Season follows familiar Scottish pattern division two are equally alone at played in Scotland because of the the bottom. With a third of the programme still to be played, some of it doubtless on almost unplayable surfaces, there is time for loss of form by some and weather gave them a 1-0 win over Falkirk, and a five-point lead over Raith Rovers. Raith have three matches in band and as two of their nearest challengers, Ayr United and St Johnstone, drew the revival by others. The chances are however, that when the final tables are published in May they other match played, they drop fartner behind, the Kirkçaldy side will shown no dramatic change.
One encouraging note is that
Aberdeen lead the premier division. When they won it last year
there were many who said it was are set for promotion. The irony of that is that at the end of last season Hibs were relegated from the premier division to make room for Hearts. only because Celtic threw away points they should have taken towards the end of the campaign. This season, with Aberdeen at present a point ahead of Celtic and with a game in hand, the doubters are suggesting that the northern side are where they are only be-

At the foot of the inapprop rately named first division Berwick Rangers are well on the way to relegation with only ten points from 25 games and are likely to be accompanied by Shrling Albion. Alloa lead the second division followed, happily for those who care about amateur football, by Queens Park

#### Today's fixtures

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## Company dissolution declared void

Before Mr Justice Slade Judgment delivered January 161 His Lordship, in the exercise of his discretion, made an order declaring that the dissolution of a declaring that the dissolution of a company before a winding up order was made was void, on an application by the petitioner under section 332(1) of the Companies Act, 1948, even though the company had been dissolved some pany had been the winding up months before the winding up order. His Lordship said that a petitioner should seek relief under that section or section 353 of the Act promptly, as soon as is reasonably practicable after he has become aware of the dissolution. in accordance with the common practice adopted in the light of the

decision in In Re Cambridge
Coffee Room Association Ltd.
The peritioner, Mr M. F. J.
Thompson, a contributory of
Thompson & Riches Ltd. of Ash-Thompson & Riches Ltd, of Ashington, Northumberland, issued a notice of motion seeking a declaration under section 352(1) that the dissolution of the company on August 21, 1979, was void and in the alternative a section 353 that the petitioner be at liberty to amend the middles with the petitioner and the petitioner he at liberty to amend its winding up petition and the subsequent order by the addition of an order that the dissolution he declared void immediately prior to its winding up.

Section 353(5) of the Companies Act 1948 provides: "At the expiration of the time mentioned."

expiration of the time mentioned in the notice the registrar may, unless cause to the courtary is previously shown by the company, strike its name off the register, and shall publish notice thereof in the Gazette of this notice the company shall be dissolved. Provided that:

"(b) nothing in this subsection shall affect the power of the court to wind up a company the name of which has been struck off the register."

"Section 352(1) provides:
"Where a company has been dissolved, the court may at any time within two years of the date of the dissolution, on an application heing made for the name of the provides of the magnetic for the provides of the magnetic for the register."

the dissolution, on an application being made for the purpose by the liquidator of the company or by any other person who appears to the court to be interested make the court to be interested make an order, upon such terms as the court thinks fit, declaring the dissolution to have been void, and thereupon such proceedings may be taken as might have been taken if the company had not been dissolved."

Mr R. D. Hacker for the petitioner; Mr John Lindsay for the official receiver.

MR JUSTICE SLADE said that Thompson & Riches Ltd, a private company incorporated in 1965, company incorporated in 1965, ceased to carry on business as milk retailers in 1973 and had since filed no annual returns. Mr since filed no angual returns. Mr
Thompson, petitioning as a shareholder, requested information
about the company's general financial position and asked to examine
documents relating to its business.
None were supplied. In those circum'stances the petitioner presented a winding up petition on
August 14, 1979.
Some months previously the
Registrar of Companies had taken
the steps necessary to dissolve a
defunct company, and on August
21, 1979, the company was dis-

defunct company, and on August 21, 1979, the company was dissolved under section 353(5) of the Companies Act, 1948. The peditioner, being unaware of the dissolution, proceeded with his winding up petition. Mr Justice Oliver, in ignorance of the dissolution made a compulsory

Oliver, in ignorance of the dissolution, made a compulsory winding up order, and the official receiver was appointed provisional illouidator.

His Lordship referred to section 353(5) (b), which expressly provided that nothing in it should affect the power of the court to wind up a company the name of which had been struck off the register and to In re Cambridge Coffee Room Association Ltd [1952] I All ER 112), where Mr Justice Wynn-Parry said that the only question was whether it was more convenient to restore the hame of the company to the register before making a winding up order and, after concluding that it was more convenient, said that he did not intend to cast doubt on cases in which a winding up order had been made without the name being restored to the order had been made without the name being restored to the register. His Lordship concluded that Mr Justice Oliver's order was valid though the company's name had not been restored to the

had not been restored to the register.

Mr Justice Wynn-Parry reached his decision because he considered that doubt existed as to whether a compulsory winding up order alone would amount to an order made by the court within the meaning of section 354 so as to divest the Crown of the interest in the company's assers which the divest the Crown of the interest in the company's assets which the Crown would otherwise have under that section and so as to reinvest it in the company. The purpose of the present applications was to Sheffield; Treatury Solicitor.

resolve the difficulties that would

The official receiver discovered that the company had been dis-solved after the date of the pre-sentation of the potition but hefore the making of the winding pr order. The court had been teld that in such cases it was the practice to inform the court and the petitioner's solicitors. The pen-noner's solicitors had been in-formed on November 13, three weeks before the winding up order had been perfected.

Following such communication the course ordinarily adopted by a petitioner was to come to the court as soon as possible, before the order was perfected, for the purpose of ensuring that the compurpose of ensuring that the company's assets were vested in it and not in the Crown and that the liquidator would be able to act effectively. If a penioner followed the common practice, adopted in the light of the Cambridge Coffee Room case, he would ark for resussion of the existing winding up order; liberty to ameed his pention so as to include an application for restoration of the name of the company to the reciname of the company to the racition; and a new winding to order. In his Lordship's experience that course gave rise to few diffe

Regrettably, that course was not followed by the peritioner's legal advisers. Without applying to the court, they allowed the winding up order to be perfected in the ordinary way and in the commen form on December 5, 1879.

Turning to the first motion, seeking a declaration that the dis seeking a declaration that the dis-solution of the company was veid, his Lordship said that the decla-ration was sought, under section 352 (1) and not section 353 (6). Fir Undsay accepted, in the light of In re Test Heldings (Citien) Lid (11970) Ch 283, 287), that the pertioner could not be criticized for applying under section 352 (1).

for applying under section 352 (1). Furthermore, he accepted, in his Lordship's judgment correctly, that section 352 (1) by its terms gare the court jurisdiction to make the order sought. The application had been made within two years of the dissolution and by a person who was manifestly "interested" as being a contributory of the company. It was stated that the joinder of the Registrar of Companies as a respondent was necesjoinder of the Registrar or Com-panies as a respondent was neces-sary, but his Lordship saw mi factors which ordinarily would make joinder of the registrar necessary, either in his own in-terest or in the public interest, where the company was in lightly designed. liquidation.

liquidation.

The Treasury Suinctor had stated that no objection would be taken on hehalf of the Crown to the grant of the declaration, so that no difficulty arose on account of the Crown's possible interest.

Accordingly the question was one for the court's discretion. Me Lindsay said that the official receiver did not feel able to resist the order sought. If it were made the official receiver would he is the official receiver would be in a position for the first time effectively to exercise his functions without any doubt as to his powers in regard to the company's 288223. His Lordship was told that on the particular facts he would be shie particular racts ne while the same to do so without embarrassment, particularly since the company had ceased trading many years ago. Having regard to all the circumstances his Lordship would

make the order sough His decision made it unnecessors

His decision made it unnecessary to consider the petitioner's second motion.

Although the peditioner had succeeded in obtaining relief under section 352(1) even though the winding up order had been perfected much months before, such relief might not always he available in the future. The court had allegation and aliscretion under the section and might feel bound to refuse to exercise it even in favour of a peritioner who brought himself within the wording of the section if there was opposition to the application on recognizing to the application on recognizing for example, by the official receiver or the Treasury Solicitor or others.

If there was long dear, the fifth application and the solicity the fifth application and the solicity the solicity that the solicity the solicity that the solicity the solicity that the solicity that

If there was long dolay, the official receiver might be able to make an application under section 352 as a person interested under that section. Therefore, in all but exceptional circumstances, it was advisable for the positioner to apply before the wadding up order was perfected for relief in accordance with the common practical adopted in the light of the Cambridge Coffee Ruom decision. It was incumbent on him to take all necessary steps to ensure that practical effect was given to the winding up order obtained.

His Lordship granted a declara-

## Improper interviews

A circuit judge who saw cach parent separately in his private room while hearing custody proceedings adopted a very unusual procedure. Lord Justice Ormrod said in the Court of Appeal. The use of such informal and irregular procedure was sufficient to allow the mother's appeal from the judge's order by which care and control of a hoy aged seven had been granted to his father, who lived and worked in Zambia.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the

commencement of the custody pro-ceedings before Judge Kershaw at Preston County Court was delayed because the parties were negotiat-ing. The parties came to an agreement that there should be joint custody orders relating to the two children, the boy and a girl aged 12, care and control of both children to be with the mother. The judge was left with the question of the father's access to the children.

Both counsel saw the judge in his private room to explain the delay and to inform him of the

absence of counsel. He ford counsel in general terms what each parent had said, intermeting that the father had improved him tayourably, and invited counsel to cross-craming the prients on the evidence which they had not heard. The judge gave a short judgment and made the split pries. HIS LORDSHIP , said that the order.
It was most unfortunate that the art was most unfortunate that the matter had been dealt with in that way. A judge was entitled to alter an agreement made by the parties and their legal adverses it there were good reasons for so doing. To separate two siblings would require cogent reason. There were none, it was a serious matter by separate a young had

reluctant to make the order

The judge then saw each child separately in his room. He then the trouber, in the presence of a welfare officer, and the father alone, but heth in the

matter to separate a young hy from his mother and sand by off to live alone with his father and a servant in Zumbia. It was impossible to support the order.
The mother's appeal should be delay and to inform him of the Interior's appear should be agreement. The judge told them allowed and the care and control that, in view of a letter written by the mother concerning her difficulties with her daughter, he was Justice Reeve agreed.

#### City's youths at home

Manchester City, beaten finalists in the last two FA Youth Cup competitions, are drawn at home to Newcastle United in the fourth round to be played on or before

February 7.

DRAW: Port: mouth y Chelses of folionham. Birmloubam v Orient. Wer Ham y Cardiff Derby v Manchesta United. Stoke of Everton v Matters Covenity of Wireshain v Arsonal of Queens Park Rangers. Manchester Git y Newcasile, Shrewsbury v Leeds of Sunderland.

Cup postponement Kuala Lumpur Jan 13.—The Asian Cup hockey chammonship, scheduled for Pokistan from March 6-13, has been pentroned

until next year, mainly because of india's reluctance to take part until after next year's World Cup in Bombay. Paris Jan 19 -Cav. Candron

#### French take no risks

An Irish sales record

Turnover at Goffs bloodstock sales in to Kildare last year was a spokesman for the firm said. The previous best was achieved in 1979 with 10,400,690 guineas.

Caroline Moorehead on the unpredictable pressures imposed by release after a long captivity

# The ordeal still to be faced by the hostages

the beginning of the longest modern terrorist siege. No one ever, prevent the hostage childdoubts that the 52 men and women about to enter the American Forces hospital in Wiesbaden now will be suffering from a trauma of release others as confusing and shockalmost as confusing and shocking as that of their capture. The question is what can be done about it. The fact is that rsychiatric opinion today is sharply divided between those who insist that the hostages
must be "decompressed",
allowed to simmer down in the
very company of those with
whom they have been confined, and doctors who maintain that the sooner they are returned to some kind of previous nor-mainty the more likely their

Psychiatric work with the victims of terrorist sieges, kidnappings and hijackings is in-evitably very new. When the first Dutch train was hijacked by South Moluccan terrorists in home as soon as they were re-leased. No one thought they needed help. Only when a second train was taken two years later, and at the same time 105 Dutch children were kept prisoner in their school, did it emerge that the first most like survivors of congroup of hostages were still suffering from the aftermath of

Many complained of feelings of betrayal and abandonment. Relatives came forward to say before outbursts of irrational

into the United States embassy pioneered by two Dutch psychia-in Tehran 445 days ago it was trists, Dick van Mulder and the beginning of the longest Willem van Dijk did not, how-

their studies.

Other modern evidence comes from the Swedish bank robbers that gave the world the "Stock-holm syndrome", the sense of affection that builds up between captor and captive; this bond, it seems, is an enduring one. Kristin, one of the girls held in the vaults. continued years after bet release to write to her captor.

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From my own research with the victims of kidnappings emerged a picture of lost ambition. Alfredo Danesi, heir to an Italian coffee empire, once a fanatically embusiastic worker, told me that after some weeks in the hands of kidnappers he returned home no longer caring very much about anything. Jasper Cross, the British diplomat held in Canada, said that ever since his Canada, said that ever since his release he has felt as if he were

living on borrowed time. What is special about the American hostages is the sheer length of their captivity and that they have not been held on their own; and in this they are

Dr Frank Ochberg, an American specialist in this field, has put together a profile of possible reactions to disas-



Prayer helps . . . American hostages celebrating Christmas mass with a bishop of the Armenian Church.

Whether these symptoms per-sisted or whether they turned either into deep depressions, the "pervading joylessness" reported by ex-prisoners of con-centration camps, who decades later remained impervious to therapy, success or family hap-piness, or into paranoia, depends, he explained, both on the character and personality depends, he explained, born on the character and personality of the survivor and on their personal history.

Being confined, he found, had

lowered the resistance of some to infection and with it their to infection and with it their ability to tolerate change, while others never again regained a previous good memory or physical bardiness.

Clues to the future recovery from more than a year's confinement are possibly to be found in the way the American

of-war camps who lived under found in the way the American expectation of death and hostages coped with the actual absolute uncertainty about the captivity. Few details about how they were kept have emerged, but whether alone or in groups, in relative physical comfort or acute hardship, to survive beyond the first hours of

ters of this kind. Initially, he said, a victim on his release can hardly fail to suffer from anxiety fail to suffer from anxiety.

Whether these symptoms perwere, say the psychiatrists, depends on their nature, on the same suffer and the same suffer anxiety when the same suffer anxiety they will all hardly formulas for survival. Just what these were, say the psychiatrists, depends on their nature, on whether they were "good copers", who marshalled their forces to remain calm; whether they were the kinds of strong personality nearly immune from vulnerability; whether they had some sort of relevant previous experience, of Army discipline, for instance. Studies of prisoners-of-war in the Far East have shown that

rbose who, in psychiatric lan-guage, were "passive and dependent" adapted badly; those who were either "healthy" or "schizoid" did not. Determination to live, prayer and hope are very

In Theresienstadt concentration camp, those who were most fortunate were either priests, doctors and nurses who were able to concentrate on the problems of others, or those people able against all odds to retain their own sense of values. Self esteem is crucial. Sir Geoffrey Jackson, the British ambassador held captive by the

Tupamaros for eight months in Uruguay, set rules about how his kidnappers were to address him. He would answer to "Jackson" or "Senor" but not to "Cell No 10." He survived the redeal with forestandard.

the ordeal with fortitude and, superficially at least, unscathed. Conversely, being treated like animals in a zoo, paraded or subjected to personal vilification—as the American hostages have been—has broken some men who could stand physical ing wife of one American hostage talking of "needing a shakedown period too". pain but not the erosion of their dignity.

Several kidnap victims told me that they felt throughout their confinement that their experi-ence was easier to bear than that of their families. Certainly many wives and children have

stood up heroically during the ordeal only to fall prey to despair when it was over, showing many of the same symptoms—anxiety, depression, paranoia—as the hostages them-Some have felt extreme guilt at being able to do so little; others, rage against the authorities for seeming so impotent. What is clear is that nothing is ever the same again—marriages

broken, relationships cemented,

aspirations aitered.

The families of the American The families of the American hostages may not have suffered the same sort of personal lonely agony of hoaxes, false leads, physical proofs that the captive was alive—locks of hair, phiais of blood, fingerips, that have tormented those of kidnap victims, but it is not surprising to read of the wait-

a snakedown period too.

In the past, governments have been very ambivalent about whar they should do for the returning survivors of sieges in which the victims are mere symbols, pawns in international politics. The American siege in Tehran is likely to change that attitude, create, possibly all attitude, create, possibly all over the world, a feeling of government responsibility for them. But the very confusion that surrounds their homecoming, the strictures about keeping families away from Wiesbaden

while assembling a ream of psychiatrists for debriefing, is an indication of how very uncertain those waiting are as to what they are likely to find.

actording to taste and theological views. But to another man of the vicar's cloth, a Minor Canon of Sr Paul's, ir would certainly not have occasioned surprise. For the Minor Canon, in his day, had said all there was or is to be said on the subject of those who rob churches, those who curse them for doing so, and the effect on the former of the dreadful words of the latter. cions. The new offence would make it criminal to "interfere" with a motor vehicle in a public place "with the intention of " gaining entry to it, or access to anything in it, or to discover "whether it is possible to gain such entry or access." Come; you surely need no more clues than that? Ch, very

possible to gain such entry or access. Interference is not defined, but mainly it will cover siding up to a car and trying the door-handles. It could, of course, mean much less than that, for instance leaning on the car and looking inside. How is the intent to be

In both cases evidence will come from the police that they saw the accused doing something to a car, and in both cases the intent of the person will have to be inferred from that act. If "sus" is used by

that the new law was needed because the law of attempt even as strengthened and clafified in the Bill—could not be used unless the attempted crime was clear: whether it was attempted theft of the car, or of something in the car, or attempted taking and driving away, or attempt to commit

needed to use "sus" to fight street crime and would not need to use the new law.
The Government should consider whether it is worth taking the chance of teversing the favourable response by blacks-which followed the announced abolition of "sus" by insisting on creating an unsatisfactory

legendary curse

Bernard Levin

A right

reverend

It is related that the vicar of Down Ampney, understandably displeased when thieves broke

displeased when thieves broke into his church and stole a safe (empty of valuables), together with the alms-box, held a Service of Commination in which he called down "God's anger and judgment" on the malefactors. The good pastor was clearly not altogether happy with the word "curse" (he used the 1928 Prayer Book, in which it does not occur in the Com-

it does not occur in the Com-mination), but there is no doubt

that, whatever he called it, that

is what he was doing. And what is more, he expects it to work;

the robbers, be declared after the service, "will be clobbered, probably by the civil authori-ties, or God may clobber them on His own". (Well, yes; if God

cannot mete out punishment to a pair of wrongdoers without calling in the Watch Committee

of the Rural District Council of Down Ampney to render unto God the things that are Caesar's, things have changed rather dramatically in the God depart-

The vicar, as a matter of fact, went quite deeply into the theology of the business; he pointed out that God might let the fuieves off completely.

added that their souls could be redeemed in the next world even if their bodies were punished in this one, and finished by expressing the firm belief that "The curse will bring them to repentance".

All of which may provide

toes and the heels;

examine the mugs :— But, no !—no such thing :— They can't find THE RENG!

plain that he has never read it at all, for if he had he would not have wasted time on the 1928 Prayer Book version of the

Commination Service; he would

have sone straight in, boots and all, with the Cardinal's curse:

He cursed him at board, he cursed him in bed; From the sole of his foot to

From the sole of his foot to
the crown of his head;
He cursed him in sleeping,
that every night
He should dream of the devil,
and wake in a fright;
He cursed him in eating, he
cursed him in drinking,
He cursed him in coughing,
In sneezing, in winking;
He cursed him in sitting, in
standing in lying;

standing, in tying;
He cursed him in walking, in riding, in flying.
He cursed him in living, he cursed him in dying l

And of course the good news for the watchful shepherd of Down Ampney is that it works. At least, it worked for the Cardinal, and I really do not cardinal, and I really do not

see why a Roman prelate should

level of medical supplies, food

thought, awe or entertainment, according to taste and theologi-

No surprise

ment since I was a boy.) .

in these matters than an Eng-lish country parson of the Anglican persuasion. The day was gone, the night The day was gone, the night came on,
The Monks and the Friars they search'd till dawn;
When the Sacristan saw, On crumpled claw,
Come limping a poor little lame Jackdaw! lame Jackdaw!

No longer gay, As yesterday;
His feathers all seem'd to be turned the wrong way;
His pinions droop'd—he could his panions droop d—ae could hardly stand—
His head was as bald as the palm of your hand;
His eye so dim, So wasted each limb, That, beedless of grammar, they all cried, "THATS HIM!"

HIM 1"
Of all the great English anthologies — Percy's Retiques, Palgrave's The Golden Treasury (expanded and broughs up to date by C. Day Lewis in 1954). Ouiller Couch's Oxford Book of English Verse (similarly revised in 1972 by Helen Gardner) the Reverend Richard Barham's Ingoldsby Legends are the least known today; I would not be surprised to learn that the book is not even in print. And it is not difficult to see why; the truth is that Barham's implacable facetiousness in his poetry is so far out of fastion that it will clearly never come back, and his prose ghost stories are far too insipid for modern tastes. Nor is there any help in the fact that, although he hunted widely and assiduously for legends to tell he told them all, prose as well as verse, in all, prose as well as verse, in his own words; the Ingoldshu Legends are no more of a unity for that.

Yet The Jackdaw of Rheims and that alone, survives, and I daresay it is known to thousands who would not recognize another line of Barham's, and who indeed bave never heard of him and do not even know who wrote it. It has an innocence and a charm that, com-bined with the ingenuity of Barham's prosody, carries a reader irresistibly along, and as the tale unfolds to its double happy ending (for the Cardinal lifts the curse as formally as he imposes it, and the jackdaw thereafter leads a life of exemplary piety) it casts a glow that explains its hold on so many generations.

## The friars are kneeling, And hunting, and feeling, The carpet, the floor, and the walls, and the celling. The Cardinal drew Off each plum-colour d shoe, And left his red stockings Nearest comparison exposed to the view; He peeps, and he feels in the

I suppose The Pied Piper is They turn up the dishes,— they turn up the plates. the nearest comparison (for all I know—I am no Browning devotee—its author may have used Barham as a model); it, too, has survived when so They take up the poker and poke out the grates,

They turn up the rugs, They much of the poet's other work has perished, and for much the same reason, which is the good And the Albbot declared that, "when nobody twigg'd it, heart and good humour it consufficiently strong to force its way into the memory and remain there. (Incidentally, Rossini's The Thieving Magnie is not a version of the same Some rascal or other bad popp'd in, and prigg'd it!" Quite; now you know. But I bet you haven't read it for at least as long as I, and that must be 30 years at least. As for the vicar of Down Ampuey, it is plain that he has never seed in the table to be a never seed in table to be a nev

So you see, the vicar of Down Ampney had good poetic warrant for his fearsome Commination, and he could have found in Barham as well as in scripture support for his view that the thieves will not only be punished by divine authority but will repent and reform as soon as they have been. And indeed, compared to what happened to the poor jackdaw the fate our man of God envisages for his robbers (" it could take the form of a road accident or nothing more serious than a fall downstairs serious than a fall downstairs and a broken collarbone") is mild enough; anyway, if the villains are reading these lines, let them take heart from the final apotheosis of the Jackdaw of Rheims, who died in the odour of sanctity and was finally canonized as St Jem Crow. And if any of us should see a particularly reschange see a particularly woebegone church-robber in the next few days, let us resolve to tell the vicar that his curse has worked and he may now lift it.

# Why the Russians are boring into the ice cap

cludes more frozen wasteland than any other in the world, sent a small expedition to the other side of the globe on the first Soviet exploration of the

scientists, are in the southern on the coasts and delayed continent on the biggest and supplies. most ambitious Soviet programme, to explore for gramme, to explore for minerals, bore deep into the icecap, map the Antarctic main-land and study the ionosphere. The Russians are now among the most active and experienced of the 12 nations exploring

Antarctica. The latest expedition, now halfway through its work during the Antarctic summer, is the twenty-sixth to set off from the Institute for Arctic and Antarc-

tic Research in Leningrad.
It is led by Dr Vladimir
Shamontyev, a 50-year-old geographer with vast experience of wintering on drifting icefloes, and is formidably equipped. Eight ships are taking part, including the main supply yessel, Kapitan Markov, vessels

for studying the ocean floor, three helicopters, four light aircraft, snow-tractors, hauler-trucks and mobile homes. Last year a direct air link was established between Moscow

and the main Molodyozhnaya observatory in Enderby Land, one of seven permanent Soviet research stations.
A runway was built on an ice-floc 60 miles away by a special

machine for heating and com-pacting the snow and it is strong enough to bear fully-laden turbo-prop Ilyushin 18D aircraft and even the larger

Hyushin 62 jets.

The flight takes 27 hours, stopping at Adea and in Mozambique, and is now used regularly to ferry scientists and supplies to the frozen continent, a dis-

tic stations throughout the bit-Antarcric.
Today, as the Russians celebrate the anniversary, about 1,400 people, including over 500 an hour, destroyed ice wharves an hour, destroyed ice wharves

tation, 10,000 feet above sea loto the ice-cap.

level and 500 miles inland from the Mirry base on the Davis Sea coast.

The well, to be sunk about "Druzhnaya 1", set up five

Twenty-five years ago the tauce of 10.000 miles. Helicop-Russians, whose country in-cludes more frozen wasteland than any other in the world, sent a small expedition to the other side of the globe on the

meking selemic probes into the sedimentary deposits at the bottom of the Weddell Sea, close to the South Pole, to study the supplies.

The current expedition has with South America. They have several main tasks. One is to drill through the ice-cap near the Komsomolskava research through the Weddell Sea deep

three miles over three seasons, years ago on a glacier at the



southern shore of the sea. Earlier this year a new meteorological station "Rus-Marine geologists are also

skaya" was opened in Marie Byrd Land. On the shore of the Amundsen Sea in the western sector of Antarctica. Scientists are measuring industrial wastes in the snow caused by atmos-pheric pollution. They are also studying the ionosphere. Last year one base reported the presence of a

mysterious energy force causing unusual disturbances in the detected inexplicable changes in the temperature, pressure and density of the atmosphere 60 miles up, possibly caused, the experts believe, by ionized particles streaming from the One of the main tasks of all

expeditions has been to explore for minerals in the Antarctic. The Russians, however, vigorously deny that they are engaged in any territorial expansion on the continent. Pravda said last year that the setting up of a new research station did not contradict the 1959 Antaro-tic Treaty: the Soviet Union stuck strictly to the principle of demilirarization and neutraliza-tion of the southeast tion of the continent.

Several foreign scientists have joined the Russians in their re-searches. Americans and East Germans were attached to the twenty-fifth expedition and East German geophysicists are tak-ing part in the present mission. In 1978 polar explorers com-In 1978 polar explorers com-pleted a two-month journey across the continent to the Vostok station at the "pole of cold". They travelled 2,000 miles by sledge and caterpillar train. Last year the Russians also published a new map of Antarctica which they said would be the basis for their search for valuable ores and minerals near the South Pole.

minerals near the South Pole.

# Sus, a new

The police have consistently depled that they applied the law in a discriminating way, but there is enough evidence to suggest that there was olas on their part, although much of it may have been unconcious. But even if some of the black reaction has been exaggerated, the feelings engendered by "sus" are none the less sincere and deeply held.

deeply held.

It was therefore with a sigh of relief that the black community greeted, first, the re-commendation by the Home Affairs select committee that "sus" should be abolished and the Government's decision to

resultable ores and near the South Pole.

Michael Binyon

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# law for

Whatever positive effect the "sus" law may have had in combating street crime in the inner urban areas was far out-weighed by the damage it did to relations between the police and the black community. "Sus" became a symbol for police discrimination against young blacks. In some cities it sourced the attitude of the in particular and, by extenda how will the new law differ, in sion, to authority generally. practice, from the old?

The Criminal Attempts Bill, which has just received its second reading in the Commons does indeed scrap "sus"

(section 4 of the Vagrancy Act 1824). But it also creates a new offence—interference with vehicles—which critics among Labour MPs, blacks, civil liberties bodies, and lawyers claim will have virtually the same effect.

The "sus" law is objectionable because it makes it criminal to merely to intend

on the car and looking inside.

How is the intent to be proved? It cannot be proved directly, of course, unless the accused admits it. Therefore the intention will have to be inferred by the act itself and it would in practice be for the accused to show that he did not intend to do any of the things mentioned in the section creating the offence. In which case.

that act. If "sus is used by the police to pick on young blacks, then so could the new law, its critics say, and the fear and antagonism felt by blacks, would remain unallayed.
The Government has claimed

Criminal damage.

It is striking, however, that many police forces have hardly

law which can only have the most marginal effect on the fight against crime. Marcel Berlins

My support for the third

Legal Correspondent have more of an inside track 1 Times Newspapers Limited, 1981

## LONDON DIARY

#### Brewster's cliffhanging session

One man who did not know which way to turn yesterday was Kingman Erewster, the United States ambassador in London. He spent a good part of the day listening to the cliffhanging news from Iran with one ear and the progress of President Reagan's inaguration in Washington with the other. In spite of a day of momen-tous events, I gather that no special celebration was arranged at the embassy for cither event, although staff found it difficult to keep their heads down at their everyday work. But there was immense relief, and not a few celebratory bottles of bubbly, at the select Inauguration Day reception heated by the Ambassador tion hosted by the Ambassador at his official residence last night soon after the news of the hostages' release had been confirmed. The
Concerning the more predictable of the day's two major tent stories, that on Capitol Hill, it after

he was a Carter appointee who arrived as Ambassador to the Court of St James's in May, It would be highly unusual for him to be kept on by an incoming President who will have a great number of friends and associates to whom he will

departure from the White House also signals the impend-ing departure of Brewster from Grosvenor Square. A former president of Yale University,

be obliged to offer plum posts, of which the London embassy is undoubtedly one. Brewster will, as a matter of course, offer his resignation to the new President, and has indeed let it be known to his staff that be intends to return home soon.
Diplomatic circles have been
so busy watching the drama of
the hostages that they have had
little time to speculate on a possible successor. I shall pass on any straws that the wind blows by.

Rumbling on

The man who abolished the Navy's rum ration was impeni-tent yesterday, some 10 years after that shattering event. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hillwas no occasion for Brewster Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill- year health inspectors at warranted stigms from home-to celebrate, as Jimmy Carter's Norton, who is about to front Stockton-on-Tees ruled that any made preserves. The WI wish

a BBC television series on sea power, told a press conference he knew the decision would hardly endear him to the lower

"But what tipped the scale was when I discovered that the ration we were giving every ration we were giving every sailor from the age of 20 was sufficient to disqualify him from driving." Asked if this also applied to driving a ship, the admiral pierced the questioner with a baleful eye and growled, "The officers didn't get the bloody rum".

Jarring note

Representatives of one of Britaio's biggest jam manufacturers will be inviting MPs to taste their wares at teatime in the Palace of Westminster this afternoon. Their objective is to achieve a change in the present food and drugs laws which at least one local health authority has interpreted as authority has interpreted as may be proved.
making the sale of these longestablished and popular produrts illocal. ducts illegal.

Women's Institutes have been selling home-made jam for at least 50 years at thurch fetes and on market stalls. But last

premises where sausages or potted; pickled, pressed or preserved foods were prepared for public sale had to be registered and inspected. And they declined to register the domestic kitchens of the local WI members.

Wendy Smith of the National Federation of Women's Insti-tutes told me yesterday: "If all health authorities interpreted the Food and Drugs Act as strictly as that, we would be breaking the law every time we took a pot of jam to a vicarage fund-raising."

The WI members are in-censed at the aspersions cast on their wholesome products, and the inevitable inference that they are in some way inferior to the commercial jams sold on supermarker shelves. They intend to give the Commons canteen a supply of WI jam to sell so that its superiority may be proved. Patrick Jenkin, the Social Services Secretary, has been taking advice on how to

interpret the relevant Act, and he has indicated his willingness

to put forward an amendment which would remove the un-

A book recently published in New York is called "STD: A Commonsense Guide". British readers looking to it for tips on how to avoid all those failed and misrouted telephone calls will be disappointed. As every American teenager knows, STD stands for sexually transmitted diseases.

Taking cover

Is your home next to a target for a Russian H-bomb? The Kremlin has not got round to handing out maps showing the precise spots at which its missiles are pointing, but for a mere £15 you can now confirm your worst fears your worst fears. Aftermath, a London-based

your home" will indicate "the firm, reckons it can tell people the possible damage their homes could suffer from heat, blast and radiation in a nuclear direction from which these effects might be expected, based on known targets". Known? Really? attack. A report "specific to

stocks, special equipment and other items which should be kept ready. The householder will be relieved to know that party depends on how many seats they'll have in the will be relieved to know that supplies are available from Aftermath in "a series of packs to increase survival capability". The cheapest is £50. Well, it makes a change from all those companies offering to build expensive fallout shelters as an insurance policy. eafrol fo Barol I would have rung them up to ask whether I should move to a basement hideout in Rockall, but nowhere in their literature is there a phone number. But they do offer to send me a risk assessment report if I send them my editor's home address. Oh, come on: Leonid wouldn't go that far, would he? Star quality

Lady Donaldson, wife of Lord Lady Donaldson, wife of Lord Justice Donaldson, appeal courrings and sometime head of the ill-starred National Industrial Relations Court, has declared her intention of making a further assault on that particularly well defended bassion of male domination; the City of London. She has been nominated as a candidate at the alacticities. The report will advise on the as a candidate at the election in

June of City Sheriff, and if successful will be the first woman ever to hold the post She first breached the City's defences in 1966 when she became the first woman member of the Square Mile's governing body, the Court of Common Council; in 1975 she went on the first female. to become the first female

Lady Donaldson, already a magistrate in the City, will find herself looking after the needs of judges at the Old Bailey if she wins the sheriffdom. But she is unlikely to have to arrend to her husband; his main business in the Ouen't Parch ness is in the Queen's Division in the Strand.

The Bible Society, in an adver-tisement for a programmer in the computer press, is offering opportunities for Christians to use their computer skills in full-time service form God?" at their new headquarters in Swindon. After the mundane language of the new Alterna-tive Service Book, I trust this is not part of a plan to translate the Authorized Version into Data Basic.

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believe, though, that the United

States can recover its former in-

ternational predominance. Its

diminished authority is some-

thing with which Americans need

to come to terms, without exag-

gerating the decline in their

power. This presents Mr Reagan

with a psychological as much as

exceptional skill as a communi-

cator, whether on television or

in person. He demonstrated this

skill yesterday without encour-

aging exaggerated expectations-

unless one regards his ambition to eradicate unemployment as

too optimistic. It was worth tak-

ing that risk, though, in order to

demonstrate his recognition of

the suffering imposed by nnem-

playment on the minority com-

munities. His doctrine that

putting America back to work

means putting all Americans back to work" may not easily

be realized. But, along with his

call for "equal opportunities for

all Americans with no barriers

born of bigotry or discrimina-tion" it suggests a pleasing

determination to be the Presi-

alliance are also partly psycholo-

gical. Or at least they will require

careful psychological treatment

because some of the practical

difficulties will not easily be removed. The alliance has suf-

fered in recent years from the

sense that the United States was

neither sufficiently firm nor suf-

ficiently consistent in its policies.

This can be corrected. In so far

as it is possible to judge a President's foreign policy intentions from his inaugural address, the

evidence that Mr Reagan offered

yesterday was mildly encourag-

ban would cause more problems.

But a Soviet withdrawal from the

trade might sway voting on the

International Whaling Commis-

sion, and make possible a

moratorium on whaling, and

international sanctions against

that the whale-hunters do not

pursue their quarry into extinc-

tion is to agree to stop whaling altogether until enough is known

about their habits and life-cycle

fishing, if any, the population

can bear. Adequate commercial

substitutes are now available for

all whaling products. Some of

the rarest kinds of whale have

already been accorded complete

official protection (it is a matter

of debate how far this is a safe-

guard to the individual whale

in the sights of the individual

harpoon-gun), and the result has

been to increase pressure on

The Soviet announcement also

promises other extensive measures for the protection of

wildlife. This suggests that

Russia may be beginning to

attach more importance generally

to the principle of conservation. Like the United States, it has the

historical attitudes of a frontier Tokyo.

other species.

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it suggests a pleasing

a practical challenge.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Mr Ronald Reagan has assumed

the Presidency of the United

States, and with it the leadership

of the western alliance, at a time

when both much need to have

arnion a courages the hope that the

Reagan administration will be

they they much less naive in its policies

than might be assumed by listen-

With sensible management the

American economy should revive

under control as the country

comes out of recession; but at

these problems as incapable of

solution. It is not possible to

It may be too soon for the whales

of the world to spout a sigh of

relief over Russia's announce-

ment that it means to convert its far eastern whaling fleet to other

uses. The Soviet Union is the busiest hunter of whales in the

world-last year it accounted for

world catch-but it has made

large offers of an amendment in

its ways before, without much

apparent result. Moreover, the

present voluntary system for

control of whaling sets an over-

ground, which the countries

among themselves. Even if the

Russians really mean to stop

to give up large-scale whaling.

Partly because of the progressive

aging Soviet fleet can hardly be

very profitable any longer. In

Japan, the second most active

whaling nation, many jobs still

there apportion

one-third by weight of the entire

SOME RELIEF FOR WHALES

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in forcing the two largest-selling newspapers for blacks to close down. The government's cynical behaviour has been shameful even by its own standards of injustice. The consequences may be significant.

Its conduct cannot be other than counter-productive. The government has been patiently attempting, over a number of years, to win over some of the country's critics overseas by relaxing, little by little, some of the more obvious injustices and absurdities of the apartheid system. It has toned down petty" apartheid, increased the possibility of playing multi-racial sport (though not nearly as much as some apologists claim) and granted, in certain respects, a measure of equality between the races where none existed

before. None of this greatly

mitigates the fundamental evil of the system, but such tentative steps, supported by encouraging noises from the Prime Minister Mr Botha and some of his ministers, gave some cause for hope. The action against the black press will do much to destroy any feelings of optimism about the future of the country. It was, in terms of foreign relations, an extraordinarily inept thing to do, even for a govern-ment not known for its delicacy of diplomacy. Its claim that South Africa has, unlike most African states, a more or less free press looks more threadbare now than it has ever done before. The main impact, however, will be on the internal politics of the country. South Africa's blacks, now permanently deprived of their two principal

is, The Post and the Sunday Post were more cautious and less openly critical than their predecessor The World. Any successors would have to be even more bland and obeisant. If they were not, they too would face the banning order. But the closures carry a clear message for South Africa's white opposition newspapers as well. For many years the government, through a host of laws coupled with extra-legal pressures, has been steadily whittling down the effective freedom of the South

the two that are closing. As it

African press. Now, it has made it clear that it might be prepared. to use its ultimate sanction with less reluctance. What has happened to these two black papers cannot make the Rand Daily Mail rest easily. .

#### Historical heirlooms From Mr Denis Mahon, FBA

Sir, Commander L. M. M. Saunders Watson (January 15), writing as deputy chairman of the Historic Houses Association, is of course correct in implying that the administration of the statutory provisions for conditional exemption from capital transfer tax for works of art, museum objects, libraries and archives does not present problems for owners of houses open to the public. In addition no difficulties arise in the case of those relatively few owners who lend their treasures for prolonged periods to

public museums, But in the case of owners, perhaps even with only two or three exemptable objects, who live in flats or houses not suitable for public access, the administration of the statutory provisions by the Capital Taxes Office is in effect contrary to

the spirit of the legislation.
The fact is that, before permission is given for use of the existing administrative facilities for viewing by

appointment, together with agreeing to lend to accredited temporary public exhibitions, the applicants for exemption are pressured by the CTO to find museums willing to accept periodical long-term loans of their works of art. This is very much easier said in theory than done in practice.

avenues of news and comment on

affairs affecting them, will be

further alienated. The govern-

ment's move is bound to convert

more moderates to militancy,

The consequences of such uninformed pressures are that, first, owners are positively discouraged from claiming exemption and secondly, that the works in question find their way on to the inter-national art market. This appears to be quite contrary to the stated goverument policy of preventing the dispersal abroad of our cultural inheritance. Yours faithfully.

DENIS MAHON. 33 Cadogan Square, SWL

Model example From Mr John Lough Sir, The interesting letter from Mr Jonathan Ruffle (January 15) did

not mention the final outcome of the case of Monson w Madam Tussaud's in 1894 (or that the Birmingham exhibition in that year had no connection with Madame Tussand's).

When Mr Monson, of Ardlamont fame, sued Madame Tussaud's for alleged libel because of the way his waxwork figure was exhibited, very near, though not actually in, the Chamber of Horrors, there was a question of whether he had consented to the exhibition complained

His action to recover damages was heard before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury in January, 1895. The jury, having retired for a quarter of an hour, found for the plaintiff : damages one facthing. A full report of the proceedings

appeared in The Times of January 29, 30 and 31, 1895. Yours faithfully, JOHN LOUGH, Company Secretary, Madame Tussaud's Ltd Marylebone Road, NWL

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Seeking a middle way in politics

From Sir Leslie Murphy

Some may regret his implied

rejection of the Carter policy on

human rights. But it was inevit-

able that Mr Reagan would reject

that policy, and it has to be acknowledged that the Carter

administration's application of

the policy contributed to the

impression of inconsistency. In

general Mr Reagan spoke with

sufficient friendship towards allies and sufficient firmness

towards the Soviet Union, with-

But such general statements,

no matter how appropriately

phrased, cannot conceal the real

differences in the way that the

member states of the alliance see

their national interests. The

European members are more con-

cerned than the Americans about detente and trade with

eastern Europe. They are in

general less ready to act outside

Europe for the protection of

western interests. They are made

uneasy by the loss of relative

American power, at the same time as they fear that this power

might sometimes be used un-

wisely. There is also the anxiety

that now that American power no

longer predominates the United

States may not be so ready to

use it for the protection of

justified. Indeed, they are not

all really consistent with each

other. But if the alliance is to

be more cohesive than it has

been in the past few years the

President of the United States

will need to convey both a greater sense of strength and a greater sensibility to European

interests, irritating though these

may be. Here again Mr Reagan

may be helped by his power to

communicate. Few Europeans

expect him to be a great

President. But he may prove to

be a President whom they can

understand and with whom they

can come to terms more easily

resources on the assumption that

there is always more space to move into. It has been politically impossible for a spontaneous

conservation movement to grow

up in Russia as vigorously as it

has in America. The third whaling nation in the southern

hemisphere, Brazil, preserves an

unregenerate frontier spirit to

this day, by land as well as sea.

Herman Melville claimed that

his countrymen were slaughter-

ing not less than 13,000 sperm

whale alone each year-a figure

only slightly smaller than today's

world quota for all species. Fears

of overfishing were already being expressed in 1851, but Melville,

comparing the "humped herds of whales with the humped berds of buffalo" which had

disappeared in one lifetime in his

own country, was nevertheless confident that the whale would

be "immortal in his species". If

the oceans swallowed up the land

in a second flood, he prophesied that the whale would still swim

miumphantly over "the site of the Tuileries and Windsor Castle,

and the Kremlin". The whale's chance of being there to do so

depends on decisions being made

today in the Kremlin, and in

In America's frontier era,

than his recent predecessors.

These fears may not all be

Europe.

depend on the industry, and a nation, apt to squander natural

out being provocative.

Sir, I have been a lifelong supporter of the Labour Parry. The reasons for this are very similar to those mentioned by Mr Callaghan at the recent conference at Blackpool. My father became unemployed during the depression of the thirties as a result of the closure of the plant in which he was working. I was at school at the time and his experiences made a deep impression on

It seemed to me then that the Labour Party had a better understanding of the consequences for the individual of policies which neglected human and spiritual values in pursuit of economic and financial goals. It was searching for a fairer and more just society.

Later on, I became private secretary to Hugh Gairskell and this served to confirm those early formed views. His untimely death was in my view a great tragedy for the Labour Party and has had a decisive effect upon its policies and

its fortunes. We are now facing a period in which we may experience some of the problems of the thirties. Part of the cause of this lies in economic changes on the world scene from which we connot insulate ourselves. These are the rise in energy prices, These are the rise in energy prices, the depression in world trade and the inflationary pressures felt on a worldwide basis. But the domestic policies pursued by the present Government during the last 18 months have undoubtedly exacerbated the situation in the United Kingdom, and as a result we are faciling further size in members. facing a further rise in unemployment—perhaps to three million or worse—the spread of poverty and homelessness and an increase in social tensions, particularly among

the young unemployed. In these circumstances, I would have expected to continue my support for the Labour Party. But the policies which it is now proposing seem to me just as unacceptable as those of the present Government. The National Executive of the Labour Party is dominated by the left wing and is committed to withdrawal from the EEC, unilateral disarmament and a wholesale extension of public ownership of industry. In addition, it is attempting to force the Parliamentary Labour Party to be bound by the decisions of the party conference. This would mean that the focus of power would be transferred away from Parliament. This seems to me to be a repudia-tion of the system of parliamentary democracy by which this country has been governed for centuries.

We are therefore faced with the necessity of finding some other alternative to the two main political parties. For I have reached the conclusion that the slide of the Labour Party to the left, which started after the death of Hugh Gaitskell, has now gone so far that the moderates have little chance of

rescuing it. What is needed is for men and women of moderate views to work out a set of policies that would appeal to the broad mass of public opinion which is dissatisfied the extremes of both right and left. This will take some time and will not be easy. Mr Steel has given a lead with the recently issued statement of a 10-point policy. Mr Jenkins last week indicated his readiness to play his part. We now need to know whether the Labour moderates are prepared to join in or whether they will consent to be submerged by the slide to the left. If this process can be accom-plished successfully it could provide the basis for an electoral alliance between the Liberals and a new

group of Labour MPs and candidates who believe in parliamentary democracy and hold moderate radical views. I consider it to be essential that, by the time of the next election, the electiorate should be offered a viable alternative to Liberal Party, 1 Whitehall Place, SW1. Thatcherism and left-wing socialism. The running must be made by experienced politicians, but I am January 20.

effort, there will be many like me who will be prepared to support Yours faithfully, LESLIE MURPHY,

sure that, if they will make the

Hedgerley, 6 Barton Common Road, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire. January 20.

From Mr Roger Pincham Sir, It is scarcely for a Liberal to elaborate upon the fine but importaut distinctions drawn by Susan Crosland between "democratic socialism and "social democracy" (January 19), One can only assume that the key to the difference lies in the priority given to her three strands of "Croslandism", liberty,

democracy and equality,

The pursuit of material equality is not and never has been a serious objective of Liberalism, Certainly we have campaigned for the elimin-ation of poverty and the establish-ment of a decent and rising standard of living for all members of society. Extravagant prosperity in the midst of poverty, whether on a national or international scale, can only be abhortent to the spirit of Liberalism,

If, as Tony Crosland asserted, socialism is basically about equality, then Liberalism is basically about liberty. For all its faults, democracy remains the most, reliable guarantor of liberty: hence our commitment to extend the influence of democracy, participation and responsibility to many important aspects of public and commercial life.

Likewise, the pursuit of liberty necessitates the dissolution of monopolies, whether of capital, labour or resources. Where that is not possible, monopolies must be under firm control and accountable to the

In essence, the pursuit of liberty all about giving the individual the maximum opportunity to fulfil his own talents and thereby to serve the community in the most effective way. Hence, our continuing commitent to vigorous and responsible free enterprise and the encourage ment of new businesses, and a greater variety of corporate Without this successful wealth-producing base the national decline must continue.

A Liberal society can only be based upon the recognition of the unique and thereby equal value of each of its members but, by the same token, it would not incline towards the Marxist error of imagining that equality of value implies equality of wealth and need. Who, indeed, has the wisdom or effrontery to assess another man's needs?

I would suggest generosity and love of justice as the two principal strands supporting the primary Liberal commitment to the defence and extension of liberty. These elements, by their nature, embrace our allegiance to the principles of internationalism, voluntarism, devo-lution of power, ecological responsbility, co-operation, and the very thorough care of those unable to look after themselves.

I am convinced that Liberals and latter-day social democrats have sufficient in common to build a new and powerful platform in British politics, but if this is to succeed it must be based upon the honour-able alliance of distinctive political philosophies rather than a murky liaison of political convenience. David Steel's 10-point plan has been welcomed across the country as a serious initiative at a time of national crisis. If it provides evidence of the Liberal Party's willingness to build bridges, it is also indicative of our determination to make a powerful and indepen-dent contribution to the reform and recovery of this nation in the 1980s. ROGER PINCHAM, Chairman of the

January 16.

concerns.

#### Instrumental in educating the young

Sir, Professor Peter Wishart (January 17) writes from a univer-sity music department to say that without music in the curriculum the people perish, and this makes it easy for people who know no better to discount his views on grounds of professional interest. But he is

Both of us belong to a generation in which comparatively few children could be taught to read music and play instruments, and think our-selves fortunate to have been among the exceptions because there were people who could see what was of enduring value, even in 1940-50, when the country had more pressing things on its mind than it does now. Neither of us would have thought

Neither of us would have thought of making a living in music, even if it had been in our power; that is no more the point of musical education than religious education, in the centuries which insisted upon it, was designed to make a priest of every pupil. But without basic musical skills we would have been shur out from, and our own children would have been slower or less would have been slower or less likely to enter, a creative world which seldom reveals its innermost

State school pupils of the past 20 years have at last been per-mitted to explore this world in significant numbers, with results that will still be noticeable in 50 years' time (that is no hyperbole: most London amateur orchestras, and concert audiences, include someone whose ears and fingers were trained to the violin in Austria

before the Anschluss).

If music in schools is now to be dismissed again as a luxury because politicians and administrators, local or national, are themselves ill-equipped to see the point of it, snother generation will be unfairly deprived and will not forgive those responsible, if it eventually realises what it has missed. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER DRIVER,

MARGARET DRIVER, Church Road, Highgate, N6.

From The Precentor and Director of Music, Eton College Sir, The value of music as a leisure pursuit for performers and listeners

From Mr and Mrs Christopher alike is abundantly clear and the level of excellence and international recognition achieved by British professional and amateur musicians is widely appreciated. It is sad indeed that Mr Kinnear's obsession with cost (January 2) not only leads him to quite inaccurate conclusions on

the economic front, but reveals complete misapprehension concerning the value of music in education. Far from abandoning instrumental tuition in their schools, Somerset would be better advised to make it core subject in the primary school curriculum and for the early stages of secondary education as advocated by Mr Watson (January 12). There is no subject that cultivates intellectual, aesthetic, and physical response, concentration, and coordination to the same degree

that is regularly achieved while learning an instrument or singing. Apart from the development of the particular skill, the combination of timing, accuracy, judgment, and taste that is required as a pupil progresses can only improve per-formance in other subjects if instrumental lessons are followed with a sense of purpose. To deny this educational opportunity to children is shortsighted in the entreme

Many have paid tribute to the specialist music schools and the education they provide. It should be our aim to discover latent talent in all children, not only in those who have the good fortune to be able, or choose, to pay the extra fees involved. More important than the discovery of a very gifted child, however, is the contribution that musical expertise may make to identifying other unsuspected talents in the average public musical ability tends to show itself earlier than many academic talents and can prove the key to progress in other areas. We can be thankful that many education authorities fully recognize the immense value for money that instrumental tuition provides in their systems.

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM SMALLBONE, Ballards, Keate's Lane, Eron College, Berkshire.

#### The spirit of rugby

From Mr D. G. Ives Sir, Mr K. Spence writes (January 15) that the game of rugby has lost irs joie de vivre and goes on to give several reasons why this is so, and as a society referee and a schoolboy coach I must agree with him. Too many club and international

games are played in a negative spirit with the emphasis apparently more on defence than attack, and back play initiative seems to be stifled in favour of the set-piece move; coming the referee has become commonplace. Unfortunately this attitude is creeping into the schoolboy game and it is not un-known for school coaches to teach dubious or even illegal and danunfavourably on referees.

shours from the touch line exporting players to "kill him", "hit him", "if they do that, you know what to do ", "get him onside", "don't let them come offside" (the last two indirectly addressed to the referee), all considers to the referee. tribute to an unhealthy attitude to-

the game. A greater emphasis on fitness through regular training sessions has improved the standard of play at all levels, but we are in danger of losing sight of the fact that it is a game, and one that should be enjoyed by all 31 participants. Yours faithfully, D. G. IVES, Headmaster,

even if he were in a position to

speak, has other and more pressing

Thus, at a time when British uni-

versities need the most articulate friends they can get, London has obviously let the side down. If the Cabinet reshuffle had taken place

earlier, one might have appealed to Mr St John-Stevas. As it is, I can only hope that the electors will

demonstrate their sanity by mass

Holmewood House, Langton Green. Tunbridge Wells,

#### Caveat vendor From Sir James Goldsmith

Sir. The Times reported, in a somewhat idiosyncratic way, the recent appeal by Mr Michael Gillard heard before Lord Denning, Lord Justice Templeman and Lord Justice Dunn. Mr Michael Gillard, who is a journalist employed by Granada TV and Private Eye, was appealing against a unanimous decision by a jury that I was justified in describing him as

a blackmailer.
As is normal, the case in the Court of Appeal was opened by Mr Gillard's counsel. Mr M. Wright, QC. While Mr Gillard's case was being presented significant publicity appeared in your newspaper. My case was then put to their lordships by Lord Rawlinson, QC. When my case was presented, a sudden bush descended on your columns and those of most other newspapers.

However, I was particularly amused by this morning's paper (January 20) which reported the unanimous decision by the three learned judges to dismiss Mr Gillard's appeal. Your report sppeared in two paragraphs at the bottom on page 2 under the somewhat equivocal title, "Goldsmith case appeal fails". Do you believe that this title would indicate to the average reader that I had won or

You really must do better, my dear Sir, otherwise I might be forced, after all, to buy The Times. Yours sincerely.

JAMES GOLDSMITH, 65-68 Leadenhall Street, EC3.

#### Fate of listed buildings

From the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Historical lonuments (England)

Sir, Hardly has the dust settled from the unauthorized stripping of the library interior at Wadham College (London Diary, January 8), than we learn (report, January 14) that the unique mid-seventeenth-century almshouses at Denton in Lincolnshire have also been clandestinely' demolished.

This commission is charged with

This commission is charged with the duty of recording historic buildings. All who wish to demolish or alter buildings which have been. "listed" are legally bound to give us the opportunity to record them first (section 55, Town and Country Planning Act, 1971). This is part of the legal protection, given to huildthe legal protection given to build-ings by designating them as being-of "listed" status. It is clear, however, that some

people think that they can treat this law with contempt, and so I would like to appeal to those others who may wish to demolish a listed building, but at the same time believe in observing the lavto contact us at this address before they do so. They will then have the double satisfection of providing for posterity a better record of our heritage than would otherwise be available and of acting as good" citizen«. Yours faithfully,

P. J. FOWLER. Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England), Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, W1.

#### Voice from the past From Sir John Barran

Sir, The most noticeable feature of RSM Brittain's voice was its penetrating quality, which be achieved by making it very high, rather than a roar. Its effectiveness was demonstrated on parade at Mons one day in the 1950s when a small aeroplane buzzed noisily over the barrack square whilst we were at drill below.

Inflating his lungs to their fullest extent he cried: "Get out of my sky! "-and the aeroplane obligingly altered course. What a man.

Yours most impressed, IOHN BARRAN, 17 St Leonard's Terrace, SW3.

#### From Mr Terence Harris and to make any peaceful solution to the country's problems even more difficult to achieve. It must not be thought that other papers could take the place of

Sir, T believe that Mrs Margaret Leigh (January 6) is right and Mr Bernard Kaplan (January 13) is wrong. Mr Kaplan is surely making the common error of equating New York with the United States. In my experience, covering many parts of the United States outside New York, businesses do start at 8 o'clock. In my own company a high proportion of key executives regularly arrive between 7 and 7.30 am and work

In the slightly later light

However, the key issue is not the starting time of business. Visitors-from this country to the United States will have noticed the extremely poor coverage of news on the radio. Anyone wishing to keep up with world affairs has little option but to tune in to the early television news programmes and somehow they manage to do this whilst preparing themselves for work. Therefore the situations in the United States and Britain are

In Britain we have an excellent news service on the radio and I would be surprised if busy executives would bother with early morning television.

#### Citizenship implications

Sir. In your leading article today ("Three classes of citizen", January 15) you say: "... the mere possibility that a few million people in the overseas dependencies might cometime wish to take up their right of entry would be liable to feed irrational fears."

Why is it not valid seemingly that the possibility of such immigra-tion (no matter how remote) can be a matter for rational concern? Yours faithfully, ERNEST PENDROUS. 2 Twyford Court, Twyford Avenue, W3. January 15.

#### University election From Professor Anthony Mortimer

Nor does Mr Jones. Mr Mandela,

Coverage of Sutcliffe case

ing his case by telling the jury

what he hopes to prove against the accused, and what in the event he

A good example of this occurred

in the Stephen Ward trial. In his

opening speech Mr Griffith-Jones

made a number of highly damaging allegations against Ward, few of

which were supported by subsequent

evidence. That the jury at the end of the day found Ward guilty on

two counts of living off the immoral earnings of Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice-Davies can

only be explained, in my view, by Mr Griffith-Jones having so

blackened Ward's character that

the jury were unable to distinguish between what he said he would

prove and what he did prove.

LUDOVIC KENNEDY,

3 Upper Dean Terrace

Yours, etc.,

Edinburgh 4.

sometimes fails to prove.

From Mr Ludovic Kennedy

beforehand.

Sir, What is a university chancellor? A public Somebody who honours official ceremonies with his or her presence? If so, there is no good reason why Princess Anne should not serve as well as any other equestrian figure, but it hardly seems a matter worth voting on. Or is the Chancellor someone, on. Or is the chancenor someone, not necessarily academic, who has the intellectual competence and prestige to speak to and for the university when the need arises? The Princess does not fit the bill.

not comparable.

Yours faithfully, T. J. HARRIS, Vice-President, European Operations. Centronics, Petersham House, Harrington Road, SW7. January 14.

### From Mr Ernest Pendrous

#### Hot under collar

ANTHONY MORTIMER,

University of Fribourg, CH-1700 Fribourg,

From Mrs M. Barrow

Yours faithfully,

Switzerland.

January 14.

Sir, I very much doubt whether the reports of the Sutcliffe case that have appeared in the press and television will in any way influence Sir, I have read with interest the protracted correspondence in your columns concerning stiff white, collars, and think my observations any jury that may in the future be may be of some interest. With the advent of Chinese restaurants and Jarer "takeaways", many, if not all, Chinese laundries have now disappeared and with empanelled to hear a case against him. Juries are well able to dif-ferentiate between what they hear

court and what they may have heard or read in the media months them many of the handed-down skills of laundering. What is often more prejudicial As the daughter of a laundry to an accused's case is the practice in English (though nor Scottish) owner I can well recall the many processes to which stiff collars courts of prosecuting counsel openwere subjected before being pas-

> out individually by hand and threaded on to wires for drying. They were then packed between damp sheets and weighted down. When they had reached the right degree of dampness, they were then pressed by a hand-operated roller until they had acquired a high gloss and smoothness. Lastly, the picce de résistance, when the collars were curled into a circular shape with a flat iron; a skill I was never able to master, although I tried on many

sed as ready. After washing and

starching, the collars were smoothed

occasions. I trust this throws some light on the subject. Yours faithfully, M. BARROW, Brvn Hvfrvd. Marford Hill, Marford, Wrexham. January 16.



Forthcoming

Mr C. C. Brooke Smith

Mr A. S. Dalton and Dr J. M. Sequeica

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM January 20: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Ouen

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January 20; Princess Alexandra,
Vice-President of the British Red
Cross Society, this morning
attended a Meeting of the Council
at 9, Grosvenor Crescent.
In the afternoon, Her Royal
Highness visited the VAD Ladies'
Club at 44, Great Cumberland
Place, London W1.
The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard
was in attendance.

Princess Anne will attend the rededication of HMS Jersey at HM Naval Base, Rosyth, Fife, on January 29.

Princess Alexandra will visit Whittington Hospital, Highgate, London, on February 10.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend the New Zealand Society's Waitabai dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, on

A memorial service will be held for Lord St Helens at St James's Church, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, February 11, at noon.

A memorial service for Canon Peter Newell will be held in the Outre of Canterbury Cuthedral at noon on Saturday, January 31.

#### Birthdays today

Mr Rohan Butler, 64; Sir Nicholas Cayzer, 71; Father J. S. Coventry, SJ. 66; Mr Placido Domingo, 40; Dr. John Hayes, 52; Major-General A. P. W. Hope, 70; Sir George H. Middleton, 71; Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Trowbridge, 61; Profes-sor Sir William Weipers, 77; Mr Laurence Whistler, 69.

#### Today's engagements

The Duke of Kent. vice-chalrman of the British Overseas Trade Board, visits Quantel Ltd, Newbury, Berkshire. 11.15. and Electro-Medical Supplies (Greenham). Wantage, 2.50.

Lectures: Cologne Primitives, by Alistair Smith, National Gallery, 1.5 Female warriors in Greek

Lectures: Cologne Primitives, by Alistair Smith, National Gallery, 1: Female warriors in Greek art, by Anton Powell, 11.30; Roman theatre, by Parsy Yanges, 1.15. British Museum; Marina Tsvetuyeva, by Elaine Feinstein, Poetry Society, 21: Earls Court Square, London, 7.30; Slave Revolts and the fall of the Plantocracy, by Jacques Compton, Harlesden Library, Craven Park Road, London, 7: Canaletto in England, by J. G. Links, Royal Society of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, Westminster, 2.30; The Gambia of today, by Philip Weltehead, Africa Centre, 38 King Street, Westminster, 1.15; The Pre-Raphaelites 1: realism and religion, by Shmon Wilson, Tate Gallery, 1: The birth of the English portrait miniature reconsidered, by Dr Roy Strong, Botany Theatre, University College, London, 5.30. Exhibitions: Works by 10 painters from Berlin, Gnëthe Justicute, 50 Princes Gate, South Kensington, 12-8; works by Alan Byrne and Keith West, Holsworthy Gallery, 205 New Kings Road, Hammersmith, 105-30; sculpture and drawings by Michael Kenny, Annela Juda Gallery, 11-12 Tottenham Mews, London, 10-6.

#### 25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Janu-20, 1956 A British improved variant of the Salk vaccine which should give a considerable measure of protection against pollomyelids will be used to vaccinate between 250,000 and 500,000 British children between the ages of two and nine within the the ages of two and nine within the scope of the National Health Service in May and June this year. Amouncing this at a press conference in London yesterday, Mr. R. H. Turton, Minister of Health, said that the new vaccine had been subjected to scringent tests to ensure that it was safe. "While this vaccine owes its origin to the brilliant pioneering work carried out in the United States, it is not quite the same as the American quite the same as the American vaccine", he said. "The improve-ment is due to the achievements of ment is due to the achievements of two British manufacturers. Glaxo and Messrs Burroughs Wellcome, who have been working in cooperation with the Medical Research Council, I am advised that it will be as safe as any vaccine could be. It will not guarantee that a person who is vaccinated will not in any circumstances catch poliomyelitis, but it should afford a considerable measure of protection. We believe our 'own vaccina to be preferable to any made in other countries and it is not proposed to import vaccine from abroad."

Latest wills

Mr John Baptist Robertson, of Comrie, Perthshire, a Lloyd's underwriter, left estate valued at £303,971 net. He left his Van Dyck picture of St Peter to the Cam-hridge University Catholic Association. Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

## Science report

## Palaeontology: Primitive life questioned

The hazards of searching for the origins of life on Earth are emphasized again by two teams of geologists reporting in Nature. Their studies have led them to cast doubt on recently described fossils of a primitive torm of life preserved in rocks 3,300 million years old in Greenland. Such an age would have made the fossils the oldest relies of life on Earth, but the latest look at

on Earth, but the latest look at the 'evidence suggests that they were never alive, and resulted from events occurring much later, after the formation of the rocks.

The evidence in question consisted of minute bodies, resembling cells of a form of primitive life, such as some sort of algaror bacterium. The bodies, or microfossils, as they were considered to be, were found in samples of rocks formed 3,800 million years ago at Isua, in Greenland.

Presumably having been pre-served at that time, the micro-fossils were assumed to be as old as the rocks, and they were given the biological name Isuasphaera isua. Their identity as representatives of an early form of life was the rocks, and they were given could not have been expected to remain intact through such events. The second team, consisting of tives of an early form of life was

studied identical samples of the rocks. Their microscopic examination of the size, shape and structure of the microfossils suggests that they are not the remains of former life, but of drops of fluid that formed in the rocks some considerable time after they were originally laid down, perhaps even very recently.

Dr Bridgewater and colleagues point out that the history of geological changes in the rocks, involving very high temperatures tup to 500°-600°Cl, makes it very unlikely that microfossils would have been preserved. Although

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supported by subsequent chemical analysis, which revealed features of the rocks suggesting the presence of hydrocarbon compounds that would have been associated with living organisms.

Taking a new look at the evidence, Dr D. Bridgewater and colleagues, working in Denmark and the United States, have studied identical samples of the rocks. Their microscopic examination of the size, shape and structure of the microfossils suggests that they are not the remains of former life, but of drops of fluid that formed in the rocks some considerable time after they were originally laid down, perhaps even very recently.

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The engagement is announced
between Edward, son of Mr and
Mrs H. P. R. Hoare, of Gasper
House, Stourton, Wiltshire, and
Mrs T. S. Dobree, of Hindon,
Wiltshire.

Mr R. G. L. Mayalt
and Miss J. W. A. C. High
The engagement is announced
between Robert, son of Sir Lees
and the Hon Lady Mayall, of Sturford Mead, Warminster, Wiltshire,
and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr
and Mrs J. W. High, of Norwich,
Norfolk. Mr P. M. J. Hogg and Miss V. Holman and Miss V. Holman
The engagement is announced
between Piers Michael James,
eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael
Hogg, of 19 Woodlands Road,
Barnes, London, and Viven
younger daughter of Dr and Mrs
Philip Holman, of 3 Atwood/
Avenue, Kew. and Miss V. Sewell
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the Rev Paul and Hon Mrs Drake, of the Vicarage, Stewkley, Buckinghamshire, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Sewell, of Oaklands, Brundall, Norwich.

Mr G. N. Humphry-Baker and Miss H. F. S. Wright
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Commander and Mrs J. N. Humphry-Baker, of Esher, Surrey, and Hilary, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs A. K. Wright, April Cottage, Honlton, Devon. formerly of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. Mr R. D. Bush and Miss D. N. A. Pearce The engagement is announced between Richard Duyland, second son of Admiral Sir John and Lady Bush, of Becksteddle House. Colemore, Hampshire, and Daphne Kina Anne. younger dauchter of Mr and Mrs. T. A. Pearce, of Kemps, Hawkhurst, Kent.

Mr M. Horsfall
and Mile O. Pineau
The engagement is announced
between Michael, son of Mr and
Mrs R. D. Horsfall, of Henley-onThomes, Oxfordshire, and Odile,
daughter of M and Mme F. Pineau,
of Vallée de Sauveboune, Hyères, Mr C. J. August
and Miss N. D. Bucu
The engagement is announced
between Chris, son of Mr and Mrs
K. F. August, of Mellis, Suffolk,
and Nimfa, second daughter of
Mr and Mrs R. L. Bucu, jr, of
Querzon City, Philippines.

Mr P. O. Lawson and Miss A. T. Wrangham
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr A. O. Lawson, of Quenthorough, Leicester, and of the late Mrs S. I. Lawson, and Anne, younger daughter of Mr C. E. Wrangham, CBE, of Catterick, Yorkshire, and of Mrs T. J. Wrangham, of Clanfield, Oxfordshire. The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs C. F. Brooke Smith. of Parham. Suffolk. and Daphne. daughter of Mr and Mrs L. F. Denaro, of Kensington, W8.

Mr A. J. Carter and Miss P. M. Wyatt The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. G. R. Carter, of Lone Baru Cettage, Broad Oak, Sussex, and Patricla, daughter of Mr G. E. Wyatt, CMG, and Mrs Wyatt, of Holne Bridge Lodge, Ashburton, Devon; Mr R. G. Raw
and Miss F. M. de L. Spence
The engagement is announced
between Rodney, younger son of
Mr S. C. Raw, FRCS, and Mrs
Raw, of Farnham, Surrey, and
Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs
I. M. Spence, The Rookery Farm,
Frensham, Surrey.

Dr J. A. Serpell and Miss J. A. Feaver and Miss J. A. Feaver
The engagement is announced
between James, son of Mr: and
Mrs Christopher Servell, of
Hampstead, NW3, and Julie,
daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A.
Feaver, of Hempstead, Essex. The engagement is announced be-tween Andrew Dalton, of 4 Chareau Hatori. 4-2-25. Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo, son of the late Mr and Mrs Frederick Dalton, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Sequeira, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr J. B. Steel and Miss S. R. Fraser and Miss S. R. Fraser
The engagement is announced hetween John, son of Lieutenaut-Colonel and Mrs J. E. Steel, of 45 Eaton Mews Sourb, London, SW1, and Reberca, daughter of the late Dr R. C. Fraser and Mrs Fraser, of The Manor House, Yarm, Yorkshire

Mr. N. B. Drewek
and Miss J. M. Postgate
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, son of Mr and
Mrs Bernard Drewek, of Saltdean,
Sussex, and Joanna, youngest
daughter of Professor John Postgate. FRS, and Mrs Postgate, of
Lewes, Sussex. Marriage

Dinners

Mr J. H. L. Colchester and Miss I. J. R. Birley and Miss I. J. R. Birley
The marriage took place on
Saturday, Jauurry 17, in Sberborne
Abbey, Dorset, between Mr
Tonathan Halsey Luke Colchester,
youngest sox of the Rev Halsey
yand Mrs Colchester, of Bollington,
Cheshire, and Miss India Jane
Romaine Birley, daughter of Mr
Mark Birley and Lady Annabel
Goldsmith. Canon F. P. Goddard and the bridegroom's father
officiated. The Hon Piers Gibson
was best man. was best man.
A reception was held at Maper-ton House, Somerset.

Lever of Manchester, Pro-fessor Denys Hinton, Mr J. D. Hamilton and Mr Leonard

Luncheons

British Council
Mr R. E. Cavallero, assistant
director-general of the British
Council, was host at a luncheon
held yesterday at the Cafe Royal
in honour of Senatrice Franca
Falcucci, Under-Secretary of State
for Education, Italy.

Mr A. Foster
sud Miss Mi-.j: Hicks
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, elder son of Mr
Graham Foster, FRCOG, and Mrs
Foster, of Kalithea, Cecil Road,
Weston-super-Mare, and MaryJane, younger daughter of Mr and
Mrs Phillip Hicks, of Winston
House, Norman Avenue, Ablugdon.

Mr J. E. Gaffney
and Miss F. C. A. Sparey
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Mr and Mrs
L. H. Gaffney, of Bury, Greater
Manchester, and Flona, daughter
of Mr and Mrs J. R. Sparey, of
Oxshott, Surrey.

Company of Master Mariners The Master, Captain P. A. Ogden, RNR, presided at a luncheon given by the Gompany of Master Mariners on board HQ. Ship Wellington, Victoria Embankment, yesterday. Mr D. R. Donaldson, chairman of the Ballic Exchange. of the Baltic Exchange. was the principal guest. Other guests included: Sir Charles Harris. Rear-Admiral R. G. Baylis, Mr Alau Haselhurst, MP, Mr L. Cowling and Dr M. M. Warner.

Royal Institution of Chartered

Surveyors
Mr J. N. C. James, president, and
members of the general conacil of
the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors were hosts at a luncheon held at 12 Great George Street yesterday. The guests were: Lord

Memorial service

Canon N. Motley
The Lord Mayor accompanied
by Mr Sheriff David Inglefield, by Mr Sheriff David Inglefield, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Canon Norman Motley held yesterday at St Michael's Cornhill. The Rev John Scott officiated. The Bishop of London read the lesson and pronounced the blessing and Bishop Canada Applements. George Appleton gave an address. The Archdeacon of London was robed and in the sauctuary. Others present included:
Mr and Dr Richard Marshall (son-in-law and daughter). Mr and Mrs
Reginald Motice (brinther and sister).
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Reginald Motice (brinther and sister).
Reginald Motice (brinther and sister).
Ridderman Sr Edmund Stockidale, Sr Desmon! Heap, Lady Young, Sir Icha
and Lady Thomson, Sir Thomas Gore
Brownie (Mullens and Company). Sir
Hatseleck Hudson, Sir Eric and Lady
Tallhaer, Dame Eva Turner, Sir
Arthor Seen, Lady Moster and Clerk of
Air Navigators, the Master of the
Wootmen's Company, the Master and
Clerk of the Gulld of Air Phots and
Air Navigators, the Master of the
Wootmen's Company, the Master and
Clerk of the Merchant Taylors' Compresent included :

pany. Commander W. R. Symon representing the Master Mariners Company of Line By Master Mariners Company of the Master Mariners of the Stock Exchange! Mr and Mariners of the Mr. R. Winterton. Air Vice Marshal C. M. Clementi, Miss Joan Sadder Principla to Cheltenham Ladies College. The Archdracon of Hackney Preprisenting Ston College. Mr T. H. Bevan I denuty chaliman, representing the Chairman of Barclays Bafai. Mr H. Bevan I denuty chaliman, representing the Chairman of Barclays Bafai. Mr H. Herster Hamille Star Insurance; Mr Wichael Hamille Star Insurance; Mr H. Mr Timuthy Jones 'Akrowd and Smithers!, Mr A. E. Lycett i Help the Aged! Mr K. Prideaux-Brune and the Rov John Hull (Toc H! The Rev Alam Cook, the Rev J. Chairman, in Rossinson, the Rev, Martin Price, De Rev Peter Smith I Churches Council for Health and Halling! the Rev Alam Cook, the Rev I. P. Coleman, the Rev Hardd Johnson, the Rev Arthur Brown, the Rev B. A. C. Kirk-Duncan, the Rev Hardd Johnson, the Rev Arthur Brown, the Rev B. A. C. Kirk-Duncan, the Rev Hardd Johnson, the Rev Peter Speck Tooken, St. Georgia Cooke, Dr. Coordon Huellin, Mr Richard Popplewell, Mr Phillip Chaik, Mr Jack Wandhead, Dr Cerl Symons, Brigadier P. M. S. Popham, Miss Gladys Parr, Mr Julian Gibbs and Mr Herbert Darke.

Royal Society of Medicine

Part of the Michelangelo drawing discovered in Switzerland.

## Michelangelo sketches are discovered

Old Rugbeian Society
The President of the Old
Rugbeian Society, Mr Laurence
Viney, and members of the OR
committee entertained old Rugbelan bishops strending the
Bishops' Conference at dinner last
night at the Garrick Club, Among those present were:
The Bishops of Bath and Wells,
Birmingham, Burnley, Malmesbury,
Oxford and Hartemore, Malmesbury, Michelangelo which was noknown to scholars has recently been brought to light in Switzerland. It is in the collection of books, manuscripts, early paper, works of art and drawings formed by the late Or Martin Bodmer and Sir John Stallworthy, president, presided at a dinner for members of council of the Royal Society of Medicine held last night at 1 Winipole Street. The guest speaker was Miss Daphne Park, and other guests included:

Sir John and Lady Decle, Lind and Lady Portitit. Lord and Lady Shifti and Sir Cordon and Lady Weistenholme. which is now a permanent founda-tion administered by the City of

Although the Bibliotheca Bodmeriana is world famous, the drawings in the collection escaped orawings in the collection escaped scholarly attention until February, 1980, when Mr Noël Annesies, the head of Christie's prints and drawings department, was called in to discuss valuations and the preparation of a catalogue. The black chalk drawing of a

lemale and a male figure, with additional sketches of the female head and a male thigh on the reverse, which measures 45.7cm by 35.5cm, bore an old attribu-tion to Michelangelo, and the power of the work convinced Mr. Annesley, that that was in fact orrect.
He had it photographed and

TV channel to

be aimed at

done in scheduling for British television.

"I shall be trying on a Saturday night to provide a choice of Intellectually stimulating programmes and programmes for people not all that entertained by what they see at the moment." he said.

Asked if there would be a fixed place for news bulletins, Mr isaacs said. "I do not want to see any log laid across the schedule that will prevent my running films or concerts or debates about nuclear disarmaneut at nine o'clock."

o'clock."

There was no point, he told members of the Broadcasting Press Guild, in providing a fourth channel unless it led to change and some kind of betterment. That could not be done without some risks.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Maurice Buck to be Chief
Constable of Northamptonshire in
succession to Mr Frederick
Cutting, who retired last year.
Mr R. A. H. Lloyd, vice-chairman
of Shropshire County Council, to
be a member of the board of the
Telford Development Corporation
for four years.

for four years. Mr John Lee, MP for Nelson and

Coine, to be parliamentary private secretary to Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of State for Industry,

Sir Julius Chan, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Mr Allan Louisy, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, and Mr Robert Milton Cato. Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines, have been appointed members of the Privy Council.

Privy Councillors

Last September Professor Hirst flaw to Geneva and confirmed Mr Annesley's appribution, identifying the subject as Christ and the Woman of Samaria. Michelangelo Woman of Samaria. Michelangelo is known to have made a present-ation drawing of the subject for his great friend Vittoria Colonna, and the Bodmer drawing is pre-sumably a preparatory sketch for it, dating from about 1543.

That two such important draw-ings by one of the supreme masters of the Renaissance should come to light in the space of little more than 10 years is particularly en-

scholar who had previously identified a double-sided drawing, then in the Methuen collection, as being a Michelangelo study for "The Last Judgment". That was published in The Times of January 16, 1980, when it entered the British Museum collections.

couraging

A more detailed assessment of the Bodmer drawing by Mr Annestey and Professor Hirst will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Burlington Magazine.

## Reporter of year award for 'Sunday Times' journalist

'choosy' people

By Kenneth Gosling

More details of the way programmes are to be presented on
the fourth television channel were
given vesterfay by Mr. Journe Mr Phillip Knightley, a journalist on The Sunday Times, was named the sheer consistency of his reporter of the year yesterday for his investigation into the affairs

Cartoonist of the year was Posy the fourth television channel were given yesterday by Mr Jeremy Isaacs, the channel's chief executive. He said weekend programmes would be aimed at people who were "choosy" and not at one mass audience of the kind that had dominated most of the work done in scheduling for British televiteim.

Mr Phillip Knightley, a journalist on The Sunday Times, was named reporter of the year yesterday for his investigation into the affairs of the Vestey shipping and meat companies. He spent seven months on the story, which also disclosed that the Dewhurst chain of burchers paid filo tax on profits of £2,380,000.

Mr Knightley wod his accolade from the television programme. What the papers say, at its annual awards luncheon in London. It was hosted by Granada Television, which produces the show.

The award went to Mr Knightley for unravelling a complex tale involving not obly butchers' shops but also a far flung array of investment trusts.

"None of it would have meant anything but for dogged hard work over a period of seven months by a single journalist determined not to allow truth to become the cosualty of our tax laws", the programme said.

Mr Andrew Whitley, of the Financial Times, was named foreign correspondent of the year for his reports front Iran. The programme said the toughest of all jobs abroad was that of the resident correspondent.

His award was in recognition of a consistent record in interpreting one country to another and for his solid and never superficial style of reporting".

Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, who has been with The Sunday Telegraph for 20 years, was named columnist of the year for "the independence of his mind, for the

Simmonds for her regular Mon-day feature in The Guardian. The Gerald Barry award, for distin-guished services to journalism, went to Mr James Cameron, the reporter and broadcaster. The programme decided not to make an award for the newspaper of the year.

The awards were presented by Mr Norman St John Stevas, former Leader of the Commons.

"I would like to thank you for asking me to be present and for continuing the invinction after my little local difficulty", he said. "You should always treat former "You should always treat former royalty rather more grandly than royalty. They need it.
"All I want to say about my future, for anyone who wants to know, is that I want to return to the back benches of the Conservative Party in the, House of Commons and loyally support the Prime Minister, Mrs. Thatcher, and the Conservative Government, which is the duty I was elected to do."

Told he was held in affection

Told he was held in affection by the press, he said he reciprocated that. "I have never been let down by a journalist, well, hardly ever, anyway."

No journalist, he said, should be obliged to disclose his sources of information and he urged editors to ensure that that right was extended and recognized by law.

## Science council gets £173m

The distribution of the science budget for 1981-82, totalling \$1343m, was announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

The Science Research Council gets £173m; the Medical Research Council £73m; the Mational Environment Research Council £31m; the Social Science Research Council £31m; the Social Science Research Councils; chaired by Sir Alec Merrison.

## 'Flop' wins award for best new musical

**OBITUARY** 

Viscount Amory, KG, PC, GCMG, TD, DL, who as Mr Heathcoat Amory was Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1958 to 1960, died yesterday at the age of 81. A man with a variety of interests which filled his life with accivity much of it entirely

many societies, especially those concerned with the welfare of

Derick Heathcoat Amory was born on December 26, 1899, a son of Sir Ian Murray Heath-

coat Amory, 2nd Baronet. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church. He entered the family

silk and textile business, John Heathcoat and Co, a large employer in his native. Tiverton, subsequently becoming an extremely successful managing

Originally of Liberal sympa-thies he had little interest in national politics at this juncture

though he took a keen, if non-partisan, interest in local gov-

ernment and in 1932 became a

member of Devon County Council, on which he was to serve

for 20 years. He was chairman of the Devon Education Com-mittee during this period and

took a keen interest in the Scouts as County Commissioner for Devon from 1930 to 1945 and as a Chief Scouts' Commis-

Amory had a distinguished war record. He rose to the rank

of Lieutenant-Colonel, was in

action at Salerno and served on the General Staff. Charged with

the training of Paratroopers for

the Arnhem operation, he in-

sisted on going into action with the men he had trained, although he would have nor-

mally been exempted on grounds of age. He was severely

On returning from the War, Amory entered politics in cir-

comstances typical of his whole

career. The prospective Con-servative candidate for Tiver-

ton, his cousin, had been killed in action and he felt it his duty

to step into the vacancy. On the Opposition back-benches between 1945 and 1951, he won a

reputation for quiet diligence and unassuming ability. To most observers he seemed to be

vounded.

**VISCOUNT AMORY** 

By Our Theatre Reporter The 1980 drama critics' award for the best new musical was given the best new musical was given yesterday to Stephen Sondheim's Sureener Todd, which was described by one of its stars, Sheila Hantock, who received the presentation, as "the most awarded flop in the history of the theatre".

Sweenep Todd, which won great critical acclaim both on Broadway and in Loudon, closed in the West End last November with heavy losses after a run of four months and a half.

ests which there his he with activity, much of it entirely extra political, he was a good businessman and a noted phil-anthropist, rendering services to and a half.

The amnual awards selected by the leading theatre critics were formerly organized by the defunct magazine, Plays and Players; they

magazine, Plays and Players; they bave been taken over by the quarterly magazine, Drama.

The award for the best new play was shared by Ronald Harwood's The Dresser, originally staged by the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, Tom Kempinsk's Duet for One, originally staged at the Bush Theatre, and Michael Frayn's Make or Breath, first seen at the Lyric, Hammersmith, which was also pronounced best comedy of the year.

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The best revival was adjudged to be the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of O'Casey's Juno and the Paycock, and Judi Dench, who played Juno, won the award for the best performance by an actress.

Michael Gambon, who took the title role in Brecht's Gadileo at the National Theatre, and Tom Courtenay, in The Dresser, shared the award for best performance by an actor'. The most promising new actor was Denis Lawson in Pal Joes, first presented at the Half Moon Theatre, and the award for most promising new actress was shared by Julie Walters for the title role in the RSC production of Educating Rita and Carol Royle in the RSC's Hamlet.

The award for best supporting actress was shared by Dearbhla Molloy in Juno and the Paycock and Yvonne Bryceland in Othello at the National Theatre: that for the best supporting actor was shared by Edward Petherbridge in the RSC's Nicholas Nickleby and David de Keyser in Duet for One.

Dusty Hughes, whose play,

One.

Dusty Hughes, whose play,
Commitments, was presented at
the Bush, won the award for mostpromising new playwright, and
Trevor Nunn and John Caird
shared the award for directing
their joint production of Nicholas
Nickleby, William Dudley won the
design award for Hamlet at the
Royal Court.

## £500,000 for opera jubilee fund

By Our Music Reporter The Government announced yesterday that it is giving a special grant of £500,000 to the English National Opera (ENO) for its new appeal, which was launched yesterday to mark the fiftieth anni versary of the opera company.

versary of the opera company.

Mr Paul Channon, the new
Minister for the Arts, said in a
Commons written reply that the
money would enable much needed
structural work to be carried out
at the company's home theatre,
the London Collseum, and to provide better working conditions
there for performers and other
staff.

The money will not be an addi-By Huon Mallalieu consulted Professor Michael Hirst, ing on the arts; it forms part of the Large and Important drawing of the Courtaild Institute, the large and Important drawing of the Courtaild Institute, the the Arts Council, which has al ready been announced. The Cov-ernment is giving £2.5m to help to pay for the extension to the Royal Opera House. Speaking at the Stock Exthange

In a reception to launth the jubilee appeal, Mr Chandon said he hoped the grant would encourage businessmen and others to contribute generiusly.

The opera company has started the appeal because the gan

the appeal because the gap between its costs and the amounts it receives at the box office and from public funds is growing steadily.

It hopes to raise sufficient

money to finance new productions, to returbish the theatre (in-cluding the installation of air conditioning if enough money is available), to buy new equipment to increase its educational activi-ties and to boost its funds for The Friends of the ENO and the ENO Trustees have each given of new productions.

next post, that of Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food His task was to reconcile farmers, systematically cosseted during the war to the conditions of a freer economy, while assuring them of that minimum of security now generally conceded to be their (to the baronetcy only) is Wi
right. These two alms were liam Heathcoat Amory, DSO.



carefully balanced Agriculture Act of 1957. Amory also did much to promote the growth of larger farming units.

The turning point in this career of dedicated administra-tive usefulness came with the dramatic resignations of the three Treasury Ministers — Mr Thorneycroft, Mr Birch and Mr Powell in January, 1958, in protest against what they regarded test against what they regarded as excessive Government expenditure. The Government's stock was low. The effects of the Suez upheaval, throughout which Amory had been widely suspected of opposing the Government's action, had not yet subsided. The three resignations seemed to many to snell nations seemed to many to spell the doom of the Macmillan administration and made the post of Chancellor of the Exchequer, now vacant, more than usually unenviable. Amory accepted it.

As a complete empiricist.

Amory was singularly well qualified to carry out the Government's middle-of-the-road economic policy, with its carefully preserved balance between expansion and restraint and its expansion and restraint and its sions of principle. His first two Budgets were on the whole lenient, reflecting an apparent improvement in the strength of the economy and affording welcome tax reliefs. His third Budget, introduced in the conditions created by the American recession, struck a firmer note. In retrospect, economists are inclined to the view that throughout 1958 and 1959 Britain was proceeding on an optimistic estimate of her chances. Amory, however, was merely the instrument of a fiscal policy to which his colleagues were irrevocably committed.

cut out for a creditable back-bench career ending in a com-paratively early retirement from politics.

When in 1951 Churchill asked him to become Minister of Pensions Amory is said to of Pensions, Amory is said to have asked whether the invitation was not in fact intended for Mr Julian Amery. Churchill's belief that the new In the event, the view, which achieved some measure of credence in 1959, that Amory's Minister would be capable of diligence and his reticent nature might lead him to 10 whining the confidence of ex-servicemen in the honesty of Downing Street, however relucthe Government's intentions was, however, wholly justified. tantly he might go. did not Amory soon recommended that prove justified. A short and his Ministry should be amalga-mated with the Ministry of National Insurance, another characteristic example of lack successful period of service as High Commissioner in Canada completed his public career. leaving him many years of useof personal vanity.

As Minister of State at the ful activity in the fields which

Board of Trade for ren months in 1953, one of Amory's main preoccupations was to called the care of the young. tics Amory had support of the business coma viscount and in the following munity in expanding exports. His genial manner and his own vest was created GCMG. His activities during his retirement excellent business reputation were many and varied. He was Pro-Chancelor of the Univerwere again powerful aids. Here. it seems, was a man whose chief sity of Exeter from 1966 to service to his party and to Government would spring from 1972 and became its Chancellor in 1972. He was in 1962 made a Deputy Lieutenant for Devon. his capacity to win the confi-dence of sections of the public He was the chairman of the disposed to distrust the execu-Mediæl Research Council tive. No critic however severe ever challenged Amory's absotwice and of the Voluntary Ser-vice Orerseas from 1964 to 1975. He was President of the Association of County Councils.

lute integrity.
This clearly was a eminent qualification for his the London Federation of Bovs' Clubs and of the Exeter Cathedral Appeal. He also presided over the Royal Commission on Penal Reform. Amory succeeded his brother as 4th Baronet in 1972.

He was unmarried. The heir

#### **ERIC BOON**

January 19 at the age of 61. Boon, who came from Chatteris in Cambridgeshire, also the home of Dave Green, was a natural fighter and ferocious puncher who threatened may-hem whenever he stepped into He won the British light-

weight title at the age of 18, on December 15, 1938 by knocking out the holder, Dave Crowley in the 13th round. As in others of his fights Boon appeared to be getting the worst of it, hav-ing sustained a damaged eye which was completely closed by the 11th round. But in the 13th he dropped Crowley with a body punch and though the champion got up, he was dispatched shortly afterwards by two rights to the jaw.

But Boon's most celebrated fight — and a classic in the annals of British boxing—was his defence against the stylish Arthur Danahar on February 23, 1939. For the first half of the fight Danahar punished

Eric Boon, who was British Boon remorselessly with his lightweight boxing champion textbook left jab and Boon's from 1938 to 1944, died on face was soon puffed and face was soon puffed and swollen. However, aggression and the sheer power of Boon's hooks eventually broke through Danahar's defences and after he had been down a number of times the referce intervened : in the fourteenth to save the challenger from further punishment. In a non title fight in July

1939, Boon knocked out Len Wickwar and later beat Crowley again but the war during which he served in the RAF, interrupted his career and he was never the same man after it. He lost his title to Ronnie James in 1944, looking nothing like the aggressive fighter he had seemed earlier, and though he attempted a comeback to the ring after the war he never regained a title. In 1947 he challenged Ernie Roderick for his British welterweight title but was outpointed over 15 rounds. In the following year he was brooked out in the year he was knocked out in the 5th round by his old adversary. Danghar. Later he boxed in Canada, Australia and America.

#### PROFESSOR B. J. DUDLEY

J. O'C. writes:
Professor B. J. Dudley, who died, aged 49, at Epping on December 23, was a leading Nigerian political scholar, probably the foremost of the present generation.

solidly for peace before the outbreak of the civil war and argued for clemency for the libo people during and after the war. He was a member of the Mid-West delegation to Nigerian

generation.

He was born in Warri and belonged to the Itsekiri people. His first book, Parties and Politics in Northern Nigeria (1965), was the result of pioneering research. His second major study. Politics and Crisis in Nigeria (1973), was a study of the military government that the military governments that took over power in 1966. He edited Nigerian Opinion during 1965 to 1968 when it contributed more than any other pub-lication: to political discussion in the country. He worked cal thinking is great.

war. He was a member of the Mid-West delegation to Nigerian constitutional discussions in 1966 and played a key role in the decision of that delegation to support the unity of the country. He was appointed Professor of Politics at the University of Ibadan in 1971. In 1979 he took charge of the office of the Nigerian National University the Nigerian National Universities Commission in London-Shortly before his death he resigned this post to move back into academic work, His loss at a comparatively early age to scholarship and Nigerian politiFiat plans new range of trucks for UK market, Page 18



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**BUSINESS NEWS** 

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### Exchange delay on current cost accounts

The Stock Exchange Council voted yesterday to postpone its requirement that listed companies should produce current cost accounts (CCA) alongside conventional historic figures. Originally the Stock Exchange had ruled that com-panies should produce current cost figures at both the half-year and full-year stage starting this year.

Because of objections, and the Inland Revenue's decision not to base its stock relief proposals on CCA figures, the council shelvetd its plans for producing interim CCA figures for a year last November. Uncertainties over CCA have led the Stock Exchange to put off a decision on full year CCA

ligures for 12 months. Trident profits up

Trident Television, the contractor which the Independent tractor which the Independent Ernadeasting Authority has ordered to cede control of Yorkshire Television and Tyne-Tees, raised its turnover from £64.45m to £90.13m in the year to last September. The gross dividend rises from 4.96p to 5.72p a share.

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Refinery talks

Talks were held in London vesterday between senior management of Tate and Lyle and representatives of the shop floor action committee at their Love Lane refinery in Liver-proi, amid growing speculation that the plant could be facing closure with the loss of 1,500

Dumping appeal

Asahi Chemical Co, has appealed against a United States International Trade Commission ruling that it dumped bits synthetic fibres in the American market, a company official said in Tokyo.

Continuing decline

Sales by builders' merchants during November were down by almost 24 per cent on the same month in 1979. Monthly sales have been dropping since last February.

Itel bankruptcy

In the San Francisco bank-ruptcy court, Judge Lloyd King has appointed a creditors' com-mittee for Itel Corporation and set a meeting of creditors for February 24.

Swedish bank rate up Sweden today raises its bank rate by two points to 12 per cent. The last change was on January 18 last year, when the rate went up by one point.

Quango abolished S. Keith Joseph, the

Industry Secretary announced the abolition of the Waste Management Advisory Council, established six years ago.

Wall Street down

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 950.68, down 20.31 on Wall Street yesterday. Some experts suggested that the Presidential "post-inauguration blues" and a let-down after the hostages flew out of Iran were. responsible for the drop.

# **Arguments** over funding put EEC steel industry quotas at risk

to increasing the levy on Euro-

as a means of raising the addi-tional cash, but the British Government has so far main-tained that the shortfall should

be made up by a direct contri-bution from each of the member states to the ECSC budget rather than a transfer from the

Disagreements have persisted both on the principle of the proposals and on their financ-ing. The West German Govern-

ment has consistently maintained that Commission inter-vention should be kept to a minimum, and that other Com-

munity steelmakers have falled to act sufficiently quickly to blems with restructuring pro-

West Germany, which accounts for more than 30 per cent of Community crude steel production, has insisted that the Commission produce a pro-

the Commission produce a progress report on restructuring of the industry throughout the Community. That study will be considered by government officials from all the member states at a meeting in Brussels later this week, as a preliminary to further discussions of the social funding and steel industry problems at next month's meeting of the Council of Ministers.

But underlying the argo-ments over funding is the anxiety that the Commission may find it impossible to secure the objective of the "manifest crisis" plan by the

Within the steel industry in

the United Kingdom, there is a growing feeling that the measures will have to be extended for a further period, although Viscount Etienne Davignon, Industry Commissioner, and member Government

ments have been hopeful that the industry could return to

Maintenance of a strict code on production quotas and their enforcement forms a significant assumption of the British Steel Corporation's survival plan now before the Government, which he had on an improvement in

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pean coal and steel producer

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Disagreements have emerged among EEC governments over the funding of social pay-ments to steelworkers made redundant as a result of restructuring of the industry.

The arguments could lead to further problems over measures introduced by the EEC Commission to stabilize the industry through a system of production quotas and controls on steel

crisis in the European steel in-dustry and the failure of the main steel producers to agree on voluntary production curbs aimed at reducing over produc-tion and lifting prices, the Com-mission took the unprecedented step of invoking Article 58 of the Treaty of Paris which pro-vides for the Commission to make mandatory production cuts. Failure to observe such cuts would expose companies

to heavy fines. West German industry, strongly supported by the Bonn Government, opposed the introduction of mandatory production ouotas, although eventually the Germans reluctantly agreed to accept the emergency measures which are fixed to run to the end of lune. the end of June.

But the amount of funds paid into the budget of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), which is geared to a levy on production, has fallen short of the calls made on the budget for readantation. on the budget for readaptation payments to be made to redund-

ant steelworkers.
The British and French steel industries have been the major claimants for readaptstion benefits—£58m has so far been paid out to United Kingdom steelworkers in the form of income support benefits.

As part of the overall package incorporated in the "manifest crisis" measures, the EEC pro-posed further assistance from the ECSC towards the cost of helping steelworkers affected by contraction of the industry. This
aid was designed to cover payments for early retirements,
and some short time-working.
The Commission attempted to secure the additional finance by a transfer from the general EEC budget to the ECSC budget, and the United Kingby a transfer from the general market conditions, improved EEC budget to the ECSC prices, a rolling-back of the budget, and the United King-back of the United Kingdom has already lodged a claim market held by foreign steel, for £85m as a Community and an increased level of comparable states.

#### US bid for lossmaking Inveresk paper group By Peter Wilson-Smith

Georgia - Pacific Corporation, the United States forest products group, has made an agreed 35p a share bid for Inveresk Group. The bid values Inveresk's ordinary share capital at 77 lm

Inveresk, the loss-making paper, packaging and stationery group, announced last week talks were under way and might lead to an offer. Since then its shares have risen from 241p to as high as 36p, although they closed 11p lower at 331p

ricey closed 13p lower at 333p yesterday.

Georgia-Pacific is offering Inveresk shareholders either cash, Georgia-Pacific common stock or a mixture of both. It is also offering 60p in cash for the first cumulating professore. the first cumulative preference shares and 15p cash for the second cumulative preference

shares.

Directors of Inveresk, advised by S. G. Warburg, the merchant bankers, are recommending the offer and accepting in respect of their own 19.125 ordinary shares.

However, Mr Edward Nassar, one of Inveresk's main shares.

one of Inveresk's main share holders, with nearly 14 per cent, was reported yesterday as being unhappy with the

terms.
The bid is conditional on Inveresk's losses before tax but including extraordinary items not exceeding 17m. An estimate of the losses for 1980 will be included in the formal offer document.

Inveresk made a loss of £1.6m in the first half of 1980 and passed the interim dividend. Half this loss was accounted for by write-offs and closure

However, trading continued to worsen, leading to further closures and redundancies. This means that losses in the second half of 1980 will have been much greater than in the first half

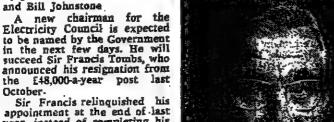
Mr Thomas Corrigan, Inveresk chairman, said there had been over 600 redundancies during 1980, bringing the group's workforce down to group's wor about 2,000.

Apart from redundancy costs. there have also been further heavy write-offs of fixed assets in the second half. Because of the recession in the paper and printing industries, inveresks Carrongrove mill has produced poor operating results, and the group has suffered from high interest charges on borrowings which have increased during the year.

Portland, Oregon, and had sales of \$5,200m. in 1979 and net income of \$327m. It is capita-lized at roughly \$2,500m

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#### The cards, known in Chinese Mr Austin Bunch tipped to be new as Prosperity Card and in English as Federal Card, are being issued by the state-owned Nanyang Commercial Bank and chairman of Electricity Council usage is restricted to China, Hongkong and the nearby Portuguese colony of Macro. A bank spokesman said the



appointment at the end of last year, instead of completing his term of office, which was due to run to March, 1982. He left because of the Government's decision not to reorganize the electricity supply industry in England and Wales.

By John Huxley

Since his departure, the council has been under the direction of Mr Austin Bunch, deputy chairman. In recent weeks Mr Bunch has emerged as the most likely choice of Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, to fill the vacancy of chairman.

Other names have been cauvassed, most of people already working within the electricity supply industry. They have included members of the Electricity Council who are also heard chairmen board chairmen.

Mr Bunch, who was made a: CBE in 1978, became deputy chairman of the Electricity Council in 1976, and a year later was appointed chairman of British Electricity International, the overseas consultancy arm of the council. Earlier, he worked.



Mr Austin Bunch: stand-in

for almost 30 years with the Southern Electricity Board. Whoever the new chairman is, he will be heading a crucial sector, with a recent history of unhappiness and tension especially in its dealings with Parliament. Its income last year was more than £6,000m. It has net assets worth more than £7,000m and about 158,000 employees. The Electricity Council has a largely advisory role within the supply industry, which also comprises the Central Elecaricity. Generating Board, responsible for the bulk supply of electricity, and 12 area boards which supply to consumers.

become chairman of the council on the understanding that the organizational framework of the industry would be changed by legislation, after the report of the Plowden Committee of Inquiry in January 1976.

city cutbacks needed because of

## Rowe Rudd to abandon broking and widen financial services

Changes in stockbroking over the next few years have led Rowe Rudd, one of the City's more flamboyant firms, to seek out a new future in corporate financial services. The three-parmer firm

announced yesterday that it would cease to trade as a mem-ber firm of the Stock Exchange from March 13 and would be offering "a range of corporate, financial and investment ser-

Mr Tony Rudd, senior part-ner and well-known for his individualistic investment letters and latterly his column in The Spectator, explained last night that the firm's business spanned various activities.
"We don't think we can be in them all at once and have ber of the Stock Exchange since

Britain needs an effective national industrial policy for the electronics industry which

would draw on the lessons from Japan, West Germany, France and the United States, accord-ing to the reconstituted Econo-

mic Development Committee for the Electronics Industry.

At its first meeting at the National Economic Development Office yesterday, the committee discussed the present problems of the industry, the performance of its competiturs, and specific proposals

tors, and specific proposals

Sir Henry Chilver, Vice-Chancellor of Cranfield Insti-tute of Technology and chair-man of the reconstituted com-mittee, said after the meeting yesterday that to establish an effective strategy or policy for

effective strategy or policy for the industry was the group's prime objective.

The committee was proposing

as a specific scheme for government backing a col-laborative public sector and

private sector demonstration and evaluation project

and evaluation project involving a comprehensive installation of advanced com-

credit cards

Hougkong, Jan 20.-China

joined the credit card genera-

tion today by issuing its first

The bank said that accounts

Chinese living in China are

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for action.

New policy urged for

electronics industry

He expected that pressures on small brokers would mount in the 1980s as foreign brokers started to compete more vigorously for business and an unfavourable outcome to the proposed referral of the Stock Exchange rule book to the Restrictive Practices Court next year could lead to the sort of commission cutting and "un-bundling" of stockbroking services that had happened on Wall Street.

He denied that it was purely financial pressures that had forced the decision on the firm, but it was a blow to Rowe Rudd when its three-man oil team defected to Fiske & Co. two

Sir Henry said that the

Sir Henry said that the United Kingdom electronics market had doubled, in real terms, over the past ten years. Output, also, had almost doubled, and this had been achieved with a constant workforce. Import penetration had increased from 20 per cent to 60 per cent, and this needed to be watched carefully.

Within the National Eco-

Within the National Eco-nomic Development Office, the

recent years has been on the detailed work of the NEDO

sector working parties, three of which (plus a recently

formed special committee) are

relevant to the electronics industry. These are the sector

working parties covering com-puters, electronic capital equip-

ment and electronic consume

technology committee.

goods; and the information

committee will aim to examine the strengths and weaknesses

of the electronics industry as a whole, and to try to establish a plan of action for the medium-

term future.
Though the sector working

parties have been active in monitoring their respective specialized areas, the need to establish an overall policy

Short-time working affecting so much of the car industry has reached BL's Land-Rover plant at Solihull where 1,200

workers have been put on to a three-day week, which could

A Land-Rover spokesman said: "While car factories everywhere have been on short-

time for months past, we have been able to maintain five-day working. But with 80 per cent of our production going over-seas, it was inevitable that the

recession would begin to bite sooner or later.

Not all sections are affected. Production of Range Rovers and kits of parts for the 25 Land-Rover assembly plants overseas is continuing on a five-

overseas is continuing on a five-

day basis. Kits account for 40 per cent of our production. so we are still doing a lot better than most car makers. But the introduction of short-time has raised union fears that redundancies will follow in the spring. Mr Michael Hodgkinson, managing director of Land-Rover, has told shop stewards that while redundan-

last for several months.

China banks | Three-day week for

By Clifford Webb Midland Industrial

Now, by contrast, Sir Henry's

1969. The firm has 35-40 fulltime employees, as well as several who work for it on com-mission. Around half the staff will be offered jobs in the revamped company.

As with other brokers, Rowe Rudd has been steadily encroaching into the corporate finance sphere. It also has Middle East contacts which Mr Tony Rudd hopes to develop. Rowe Rudd's move is likely to increase speculation that

another round of stockbroking mergers is on the way. Rumours persist of informal talks between a number of firms as brokers generally grapple with the problem of rising costs, 'static commission charges for the last two years and the likelihood of a much quieter period in both gilts and equity turnover in the year ahead.

Sir Henry Chilver: lessons from abroad.

framework has become urgent

in view of the fast rate of tech-nical change in electronics and

the phenomenon of "conver-gence" between different

No single country showed the correct pattern in electronics policy for Britain to follow, Sir Henry said yesterday. But each of those examined—Japan, West

Germany. France and the United States—was performing better than this country.

Land-Rover is in the middle

gramme designed to increase nutput by 75 per cent. Despite the slump, it is pressing abead to be in a position to market aggressively when sales recover.

A new £20m assembly works

will begin producing Range Rovers within the next few weeks. It will double the present capacity of 300 a week, and will be accompanied by a

major advertising programme to inform motorists that for the

first time since the big cross-country vehicle was launched

branches of the industry.

revival From Frank Vogl United States Economics Correspondent Washington, Jan 20 President Ronald Reagan in his inaugural speech left no doubt that he is determined

to push through a big econ-omic programme as his first domestic policy priority. A whole series of proposals will be sent to the Congress within a few weeks, To underline the preency of the Office of Management and Budget's task. Mr David Stockman, the Presidential economic adviser, will deliver a detailed

speech to the National Press President Reagan declared that on reforming the hudget we are going to begin to act

The President vowed that his first priority will be to revive American industry, get the Government to live within its means and reduce the tax burden on all Americans. He said his Administration would remove " the roadblocks that have reduced productivity".

Repeatedly he said that he would not tolerate the amassing of ever greater Federal budget

The new President takes office almost one-third the way through the present fiscal year, which is seeing a budget delicit of approximately 555,000m (£22,916m), after a deficit of \$59.600m in the past year.

The Reagan Administration's economic team, headed by Mr. Donald Regan, the Secretary of Donald Regan, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr Stockman, is searching for more than \$40,000m cuts in this year's public spending. At the same time it is striving to put together tax cuts amounting to pres \$30,000m. over \$30,000m.

The new President is not only demanding that his eco-nomic advisers quickly design fiscal picture, but that at the same time and with equal speed, they alter more funda-mentally the budget plan for the 1982 fiscal year that President Carter sent to the Congress last week.

The last administration's forecasts pointed to a budget delicit in the year starting on October 1 of \$27,500m on public spending outlays of \$793,300m.

It is widely expected that the new White House team will propose befry cuts this year and next in social welfers spending particularly as it is probable that in their revised budget plans they will propose increases in defence spending.

The new economic strategy is built upon the belief that tighter fiscal policies, combined with a continuation of tight money policies, over the next two to three years will bring the present double-digit inflation down to acceptable levels, while at the same time a host of governmental measures will spur productivity and secure substantial real economic growth.

An array of tax measures are under consideration to beest 10 years ago it can now be bought "oif the shelf". productivity. It is almost certain that President Reagon will soon Vsuxhall vote: A meeting of 1,100 of the 4,500 AUEW mem-bers at Vauxhall's Ellesmere propose better depreciation allowances and more generous Port plant on Merseyside last night voted to reject "whole-heartedly" a plan for 5,900 reinvestment tax credits. Cuts in capital galos taxes may be recommended and to boost sov-ings interest income on savings dundancies throughout the of up to \$1,000 per person may be made free of tax. Ellesmere Port is expected to provide 2,900 of the job losses. The remainder will be at plants in Luton and Dunstable, which

Studies are to be launched to find ways of slowing the growth of welfare entitlement programmes that are at present directly linked to the consumer price index.
All new cabinet secretaries

traditionally look to the Mersey-side factory to take the lead in any stand against the company. are under firm orders from the White House to reduce waste in their departments and eliminate duplicating regulations.

#### Mr Dave Thompson, the AEUW convener at Ellesmere Port, said he would be putting his members' views to Vauxhall stewards that while redundan-cies are not necessary at, present, he cannot give a guarantee for the future. Every-thing would depend on demand. not eligible for the cards.—AP-Dow Jones. chiefs tomorrow. Latest indicators set back hopes of economic upture

Land-Rover at Solihull

By David Blake Economics Editor

Government hopes that the economy will start to expand in the spring received a jolt from the latest set of cyclical indicators published by the Central Statistical Office yesterday. However, the indications that an upturn will not occur economy has reached bottom until later in the year were about seven months before the tentarive and go against other drop in output actually ends.

indications from the cyclical indicator series. The short term leading in-dicators for November dropped to 94.2, sharply lower than the figure in October. A drop in the level of car registrations was

However, in recent periods

the main cause.
Traditionally, the shorter leading indicators show that the

If this traditional relationship holds, the latest figures suggest that output will still be falling

If this indicator turns out to

this relationship has been errarecovery. The index for longer poned until much later in the leading indicators rose in Nov-ember yet again, continuing the

If this indicator turns out to be the correct guide to economic movements, then a trough of the recession can be expected this relationship has been erra-some time in the spring. But the CSO stresses that the lags shorter leading indicators are on these indicators are such failing to pick up signs of a that recovery could be post-

### PRICE CHANGES Rises J. Brown 5p to 51p Crouch Grp 8p to 150p Nowty Grp 8r to 194r Global Nat Res Johnson & FE 15p to 430p 1p to 18p Massey-Ferg

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a second one, so successful has its first version been. The concept—to attract high-technology companies to cluster together in a campus-like atmosphere, and indeed often in proximity to a university campus—is not new, but has been slow to take root successfully in Britain. It was a fashionable idea 10 or more years ago, when various attempts began to be made to emulate the successful-science-park enterprises of the United Norway Kr 13.07
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Spain Pta 198.50
Sweden Kr 11.10
Switzerland Fr 4.53
USA \$ 2.47
Yugoslavia Dnr 85.00

succeeded in this country. Other successful ones are at Cambridge and at Heriot-Wart University in Edin-burgh. One which started well but faded away in its original form was at Peterlea. Warrington's decision to build a second

States. Warringtou's inclusion of a science

park in its several separate industrial cur-

ployment areas as part of the new town. development is one of the few that have

science park for high-technology companies is part of a continued expansion of industrial capacity in the area. Despite. the recession, the town exceeded its job-creation target of 1,500 jobs in 1980, for the third consecutive year, by creating amployment for 2,200 people

New town offers stimulating atmosphere for high technology companies

Warrington to build another 'science park'

The town's first science park, at Birchwood, is now almost complete. All availshie huiding land has been taken up; though there is still space available in the park's Genesis building which provides leased communal facilities for sciencebased companies.

Companies on the park include British Nuclear Fuels, Data General, Digital Equipment Company, Engineering Polymers, Materal, Tranter Owen, Carborun-dum and Instrumentation Laboratory (UK). In the Genesis building the tenants include LSI Computers, Varian Associates and Control Data Corporation. Birchwood Science Park, one of four employment sreas within Warrington

attracted £27m of private investment from scientific and technological companies. The second such venture, to be known

as Birchwood Science Boulevard, will cover 30 acres on a nearby site: Mr David Bians, general manager of Warrington Development Corporation, said yesterday that negotiations were already under way with several companies who wished to take space there.

The industrial north-west of Britain may not sound as attractive as California's Silicon Valley or Massachusetts' Route 128 or any of the other university/industry complexes in the United States. But Birchwood Science Park-and indeed Warrington's new industrial areas generallyoffers a fresh and stimulating environment which in many respects matches the best of American practice.

Kenneth Owen

## Trade official's Soviet trip heralds change of attitude

By David Spanier

A senior official from the Department of Trade is to visit the aim of reviving Anglo-Soviet commercial relations and preparing the way for a meeting at ministerial level in London

first inter-governmental meeting on trade to take place since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. As such, it represents a distinct change of attitude by the Foreign Office, as regards dealings with the Soviet Union. Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, in his original announcement of restrictions taken after the Soviet invasion, stated that "the Government's view is that all trade should

be pursued on a basis of mutual advantage."

The Department of Trade A senior official from the said yesterday that Mr. Dick Department of Trade is to visit was going to discuss "the Moscow early next week, with basic issues", not only to encourage trade between the two countries but also to review the possibility of arranging a ministerial meeting of the joint Commission on British The trip by Mr Gavin Dick, and Soviet Economic and In-Under-Secretary for Trade, dustrial Cooperation. This last announced yesterday, is the has not been fixed yet but dustrial Cooperation. This last has not been fixed yet but seems likely.

> Trade has been languishing, it is felt, and with European, competition being renewed, Britain does not want to be left behind, an official said yesterday. The restrictions imposed

after the Afghanistan invasion and which are still operative, included non-renewal of the British-Soviet credit agreement of 1975, and the EEC decision to curb grain exports.



The evocative phrase "science park"

emerged again yesterday with the news that Warrington New Town is to build

mended changes supported by Sir Farneis and when the Conservatives came in power, they concluded that legislative change was unnecessary.

Among the problems requiring attention by the new chairman will be the extent of capa-

credit cards were for the con-venience of increasing numbers of visitors to China. Holders would be able to draw cash up to \$1,000 in Chinese currency from Bank of China branches in Shanghai, Peking, Canton, Tianjin and Hangzhou. The stations, shops and hotels. will be settled in Hongkong and Macao in Hongkong currency. Like other Western credit cards, the new cards are accepted by shops, department stores and restaurants. Applicants for cards, are required to bave an annual income of not less than about

The Labour Government failed to introduce the recom-

Sir Francis Tombs: resigned

supply power to consumers. falling demand, and pricing Sir Francis was invited to policy.



### Record exports for Toyota and Nissan

Toyota and Nissan have reported from Tokyo record exports and production for 1980.

Toyota said vehicle exports rose 29 per cent last year to a record 1.78 million from 1.38 million in 1979, while Nissan said exports last year were a record 1.47 million, up 29 per cent from 1.15 million. It exported 704,600 vehicles to the exported 704,500 venicles to the United States last year, up 14.1 per cent and 128,300 to Saudi Arabia, up 19.1 per cent.

Nissan said it shipped 615,000 to the United States, up 23.5 per cent, and 102,800 to Britain, down 7.8 per cent.

#### NSW coal project The New South Wales state government has approved the

formation of a company to finance and construct a SA230m (about £113m) coal loader at Kooragang island, Newcastle, Mr Neville Wran, the Premier, said in Sydney. The state will take a 20 per cent stake in the scheme.

#### US building starts

New building starts, one of the key United States indicators, dropped 1 per cent in December, while 9 per cent fewer building permits were issued, the Commerce Department sald in Washington. This was the first fall in building starts since May. The decline was attributed to high interest

#### Finnair buys DC10

Fignair, the Finnish national airline, has announced the purchase of a new intercontinental range McDonnell Douglas DC-10 part of a growth programme in-cluding a service to Los Angeles.

#### US merchant fleet.

The United States merchant fleet increased by 1 million tons last year to 24 million tons with 727 vessels, the commerce department announced in Washing rate of growth in sterling
ington. American shippards had
orders for or were producing
to ships totalling 1,500,000 tons.

After a year of declining sales, Iveco hopes for a change of fortune

# Turbo-truck drive into UK market

truck maker, which suffered estimated losses of \$50m (£22m) last year, is hoping for a significant turnround in its fortunes in 1981 and aims to oust Volvo as the leading importer into the United Kingdom. The company, like most European premium truck manufacturers, is putting on a brave face after a year which has seen a big decline in sales and a fierce price-cutting war that looks set to continue

hroughout the next few months. Iveco, owned by Fiat of Italy and set up in 1974 as the first pan-European up in 1974 as the first pan-European commercial vehicle company, is soon to launch a new range of turbo-charged trucks with which it hopes to carve a greater slice of a diminishing market. In doing so, it joins Leyland Vehicles, which has just begun a big European sales drive for its award-winning T45 Roadtrain truck and is doe to introduce a medium-

weight version in the next few days. Mercedes-Benz and Volvo, big names in the heavy truck sector, are among others who will bring new products to the market in the coming weeks and will join in the battle for the favours of the Continent's road hauliers and fleet operators.

The strategy adopted by truck manufac-turers is two-pronged: the introduction of lighter weight, more economical vehicles.

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often equipped with turbo-charged engines, and a concentration on driver comfort and ease and cheapness of servicing.

The fight for sales in Europe is expected to be particularly intense. The London-based Economic Models group forecast recently that after a five per cent drop in 1980, total commercial vehicle sales in the major European markets of The Nemerlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom would decline by a further 8.4 per cent this year to just over 894,000. The next peak in the demand cycle is predicted to occur in 1984, with total sales of nearly 1.1m.

In Britain the state of the market is far more gloomy. Total commercial vehicle sales were down by 11.4 per cent last year, with the heavy end of the market being the worst afflicted. Registrations of big trucks and articulated units were down 23 per cent against 1979 and in December alone suffered a fall of 47 per cent on a year earlier.

Against this background, attention has once again been focused on the apparent over-supply of lorries in Europe (there are at least 16 heavy truck manufacturers) and on the arguments for further rationalization and mergers.

Iveco was formed from the commercial

and Magirus Deutz in a bid to combat competition not only from Mercedes, the market leader in heavy trucks, but also from America and Japan. Iveco executives said this week that potential new partners for the group would always be considered, as would the possibility of establishing assembly plants in other countries, particularly the United States and China.

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But it is thought that the most likely attempts at rationalization will be through greater collaboration on the development and production of components similar to the deal concluded last year between Leyland Vehicles and Zahnradfabrik Friedrichshafen (ZF) of West Germany, the world's lezding manufacturer of gearboxes.

Last year, Iveco sold 2,439 heavy trucks in Britain (3,796 in 1979) while Volvo and Mercedes had the same sales total of 2,984. In 1979, Volvo was the leading importer with sales of 4,052.

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Falling sales have led to a spate of

discounting throughout Europe and many customers are being offered price reductions of up to 18 per cent. Italy, which has a home market largely protected against imports, is one of the few countries to escape the worst effects of the price war.

Edward Townsend

## Call for curb 50 per cent rate rises on 'excess' unthinkable CRI say unthinkable, CBI says money stock

Business leaders yesterday save a warning that further large rate rises by local authorities will lead to many more jobs lost and cuts in investment. The Confederation of British

The excess growth in the money supply over the past eight months should not be allowed to stay in the system, W. Greenwell, the broking firm argues in the latest edition of the Monetons Bulletin Industry said that forecasts of an average rate rise of about its Monetary Bulletin. The brokers suggest that if 20 per cent, and rises of up to 50 per cent in some areas were "unthinkable". Business conthe authorities do not take action to remove the excess money, then it will eventually fidence was already being adversely affected. It calculated work its way into prices. At the moment, however, Greenwells believe that the trough of the present recession that the rate burden on business is likely to be equivalent to one third or more of the real is unlikely to occur before the middle of the year, and that the authorities still have time to remove the "excess" money, which is mainly represented by the high level of liquid personal profits earned by industrial and commercial companies in the United Kingdom during the present financial year.

"Many businesses just cannot afford to pay more." Mr John Monkman, chairman of the

sector savings. If inflation is to be pre-vented from rebounding, the CBI's rating and valuation committee told a conference on rating held in London. "In the current financial year, business brokers say that the personal sector must be persuaded to switch its short term money rates have increased by an average of 25 per cent. In some areas the increase is as much holdings into longer term investments. as 30 to 40 per cent. A further This could be done in three ways: by pressing sales of existing debt instruments, such 20 per cent next year is unthinkable."

as National Savings and Granny Mr Monkman said that rates Bonds; by experimenting with new debt instruments, such as 12 month Treasury bills, and an extension of indexing.

Greenwells put the underlynow represented the second heaviest impost on business, which was expected to meet 45 per cent of the total national rate bill in 1981-82. "In other, words, businesses must find £4,200m—which on its own is equivalent to a whole array of

government taxes."

ject of a sustained campaign by the CBI in recent months. It has also been seeking a cut in the National Insurance surcharge levied on company payrolls and moves to reduce the burden on rising energy costs on industry, as well as a further reduction in interest

The rates campaign has so far commanded relatively little national attention, but has been vigorously prosecuted by the CBI's regional groups. Apart from acting as local "watchdogs", they have attempted to alert the public to the reasons behind rate rises, and in some cases offered to check local authority bookkeeping, working through rates liaison groups. The CBI has argued for some

time that business is bearing the brunt of the Government's counter-inflation policies. For every 12 people in 1,000 made redundant in the private sector, fewer than one in 1,000 had lost their jobs in the public sector. At the same time, many of the CBI's members are anxious to ensure that capital projects, rather than current spending on salaries and wages, do not bear a disproportionate share of expendings cut backs by public authorities. The construction industry, for example, is by tradition heavily dependent on the public sector for contracts, and does not want to see these

## **Enterprise** zone for the North

By Peter Hill 🗼 The Government is expected to appounce shortly the location of a site for a tenth enterprise zone in the North of England. Efforts to press ahead with development of the enterprise zone concept—launched by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the March Budget last year—were taken a stage further yesterday with an announcement by Mr Tom King, Minister for Local Government and Environmental

ervices. Mr King said that formal in vitations had been issued to the City of Salford Trafford Metropolitan District Council and Dudley Metropolitan Borough to prepare enterprise

These are the first zones in England for which statutory invitations have been issued, although a formal invitation was made last month for a detailed scheme in the lower Swansea Valley. The Salford-Trafford zone

The Salford-Iranora zone will occupy nearly 800 acres of Salford Docks and Trafford Park in Greater Manchester, while the Dudley zone will cover about 540 acres in the Blackbrook Valley in the West

Other possible zones under consideration include Clydebank, Belfast, Corby, Speke on Merseyside, Newcastle and Gateshead, and the Isle of Dogs in Lond<del>on'</del>s dockland.

## Oracle move to charge advertisers

Independent Television formulating plans to sell advertising on its teletext service, Oracle, after April this year.

The new service is expected to raise about £5m each year for Oracle by the end of 1984, although it is still early to assess the response of ad-

At the moment advertising appears without charge as part of an information service. In advertisers will buy

change in the Oracle for change in the Cracie service results from two clauses in the new Broadcasting Act. These clauses take effect from February 1 and effectively allow the service to raise revenue through advertising, although the limit within which that the control of the cont that can be done has not been

Management at Oracle is awaiting a decision from the Home Office which will define how much advertising will be allowed. The management has requested that it be allowed to devote 15 per cent of the total number of pages to other these. number of pages to revertising and also be allowed to sell "two-line slogans" at the bortom of most of the remaining

editorial pages.

There is no question of editorial pages being sponsored by advertising according to the Oracle management. The request for 15 per cent of the teletext service's 400 pages to be devoted to advertising is thought justified. It compares favourably with that allowed on television—six minutes in every hour (10 per cent)—similar to commercial radio with nine minutes (15 per cent).

Oracle is also awaiting the Home Office decisions on whether the teletext service can use two more of the unused 625 lines that transmit television signals. There are in all 20 unused lines of which two are at present being used by Oracle. It wants to have a further one to increase its coverage and another for use by the television regions to insert their own information. Philips, the television manufacturer, in its surveys on teletext has concluded that a strong local content is needed in the service. At a teletext conservice. At a teletext conference in London last week Oracle committed the service to such local content.

The BBC was unable to make that comitment about Ceefax. It is also thought highly unlikely that the BBC would use its teletaxt service as

use its teletext service as a vehicle for raising revenue. Although raising revenue from Ceefax would interfere little with the programme presenta-tion of the BBC many in the corporation view it as the thin-end of the wedge.

Bill Johnstone

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## High priced energy for industry

Sir. With a debate on energy sent market pricing policies of, due in the Commons tomorrow is may now be appropriate to it may now be appropriate to try to concentrate minds on some of the important issues about energy affecting British industry and reply to the points made in your columns by Mr Tony Speller MP on January 13. I fear the arguments he advanced may be the basis of the Government's case in the

My case basically is that a high priced energy policy is excellent if every other competing country acts similarly but if only the United Kingdom pursues it the result is a slow lingering death for large segments of efficient British in-

About 40 per cent of British industry employing 21 million people use energy in production as opposed to ambient heating. In certain of the key industries in this country, the cost of energy is as high as 30 per cent of the sales value of the product. For some reason I am unable to understand, our elected representatives, including correspondent. Tony Speller MP, refused to believe that these users in this country are paying on average, 20 per cent more for energy than their competitors on the Continent

and more than 30 per cent than in North America.
Reports from independent bodies such as various sector working parties of the National Economic Development Council and the Confederation of British Industry have proved these figures by comparing in-voices between identical plants in the various countries to most reasonable peoples' satisfaction. Yet rather than tackle the problem critics argue about the magnitude of the differences. Rather than explore the taxation aspects, either directly (fuel excise tax) or indirectly (financial targets set for the nationalized industries), they and government advisers

there is no effective competition between fuels, they talk about industry asking for government controls.

I hope that the Commons debase may see some constructive approach as opposed to this fairly sterile argument. A final thought in what other country could a bulk user of gas in industry pay 35p. a therm to leat its kilas while its employees pay 22p per therm to heat their homes, as happens here in Britain?

Yours faithfully. A. F. D. FERGUSON, Chief Executive, Boyle & Son Limited, Stonebridge Mills, Stonebridge Lane, Leeds LS12 4QW. January 20.

From Mr Luke Georghiou Sir, As Mr Speller (January 13) rightly points out, a major question on the current debate over fuel costs for United Kingdom industry is whether the energy efficiency of British firms is comparable with that of overseas competitors. However, the level of efficiency is as much a consequence of circumstances imposed upon the companies as it is a result of their own actions. This is particularly evident in the argument over gas prices, which have been subject to the poli-

cles of successive governments.

A crude measure of efficiency is the ratio between the heat equivalent of the quantity of fuel consumed by an industry and some index of in-dustrial production, generally known as the energy/output ratio. Apart from the statistical problems involved in compiling such data, the result is affected by the choice of fuels. For example, conversion of a process from coal or fuel oil to gas normally leads to improved efficiency because the intrinsic dualities of gas make it easier to use a greater proportion of the heat content. This, together with other qualities such as convenience and cleanliness, talk about subsidies. Similarly, contributes to give gas a " pre-

fuels. In a normal economic situation the industrialist then assesses whether the increased efficiency justifies the additional cost and depending upon the size of the premium. proportion of users will

change to gas. The problems we are faced with at present have their roots in the pricing policies adopted to achieve a rapid build-up of supplies from North Sea gasfields in the early 1970s. Gas was priced so cheaply that many industrial consumers converted who would not have done so otherwise. Now that the price is tending towards world market levels these consumers are finding a certain irreversibility in the change. Storage space for coal may have been disposed of, or the workforce in a posed of, or the workforce in a foundry, say, may have become used to lower levels of pollu-tion. Thus they find them-selves ried to, what is for them an uneconomic fuel. For many industries the life of their fuel-using equipment also

has some years to run. The simple answer is to invest in new couloment to meet the changed circum-stances, but the depressed stances, but the depressed state of many of the industries involved means that the capital is simply unavailable. some in particular difficulty, such as the paper industry, this bas been a long-term problem and, although savings have been made, one wonders whether the full potential available from new equipment has been realized. It is vital that future energy policy should be not only a matter of supply and pricing but should also consider the ability of industry to respond to price changes. In the longer term it should also be seen as involving problems of investment and technological innovation for users as well as suppliers. Yours faithfully.

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### Stock relief and taxation

From Mr John A. Newman Sir, The Inland Revenue published (in November 1930) a consultative paper on the future of the consultative paper on the consultative paper on the consultative paper on the consultative paper on the future of the consultative paper on the consultative pa of stock relief and now the CCAB (Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies) has replied under the heading Cur-

rent cost accounts and taxation.

Both these papers fail to analyse adequately the faults of the old and new reliefs. Stock relief under both systems arises simply from holding stock in itself. The main beneficiaries tend to be, therefore, supermarket and retail chain owners and others who hold large lines of stock. Further balance of the old relief will more, the larger the enterprise not be clawed back—rather concerned the more able it is, these lucky businesses which by its superior resources to manipulate the amount of stock on hand and hence the relief

which accrues to it. As an accountant I feel that the tax system should not en-courage bad business practices. Businesses should keep stocks to the minimum in both volume and value terms consistent with the needs of that business. Both forms of stock relief encourage the holding of excessive stocks to attract relief. A Conservative government should realize this, as should the CCAB.

The old relief accrued to businesses whether the stock concerned was financed by

credit or not. This meant that proposals for the new relief contain restrictions when stock is financed by credit. These are, in my view, anomalous and misconceived. To take an example: if company "X" had example: if company "X" had borrowed £2m to finance the building of a new factory for expansion and employment of more individuals, as compared with an equivalent company that had not, company "X" would have its stock relief re-stricted. Is this the best way

to formulate a tax relief? The proposals state that the have received stock relief over the last few years will receive a windfall. There seems to be no reasons why this should

To conclude, I feel that in this period of recession, high unemployment and technological change, the system of tax reliefs in the United Kingdom should be tailored to encourage the assimilation of technological change and the employment of United Kingdom individuals, not the holding of stock. Yours faithfully.

JOHN NEWMAN, Kingsgate House, 115 High Holborn London, WC1V 6JJ.

## Loans for small business

From Mr A. G. W. Scott Sir, The experimental govern ment loan guarantee scheme is, of course, to be welcomed but perhaps one who has spent a considerable part of his working life rearing and rescuing small" businesses may offer constructive comment.

New businesses, on the whole, do not find insuperable difficulty in raising loan capital if well founded and managed. founded and managed.
difficulty is nearly Their difficulty is nearly always to find the interest and periodic capital repayments out of taxed profits and leave enough behind for the business to grow out of its own resour-ces. True, there may subse-quently come a time when further loans are more difficult to obtain because they would form too great a proportion of the whole capital structure— outweighing by too much the proprietors' stake, whether shares or partners' capital. The cure for both troubles is

the same; it is for the Chan-cellor to devise a scheme for the proprietors of a growing

business, for an initial period, to be untaxed or taxed on a favourable sliding scale, on profits earned which they are prepared to leave in the busiprepared to leave in the business as permanent capital. This was how businesses found the means of growth in the days of low rates of tax, and somehow a climate has got to be recreated in which a growing business can feed and grow on itself

It should not be beyond the It should not be beyond the wit of a Conservative government, with the avowed intention of helping small businesses, to find a way which will do this without abuse or too much red tape. After all, this would be the Chancellor's own seed corn; little successful businesses. intle successful businesses grow into big successful businesses, who pay a lot of tax—when they are on their feer. Yours faithfully.

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Assessment of training boards From Mr Peter Vogel

From Mr Peter Vogel
Sir, May I protest at the
sweeping negative assessment of
training boards made by the
Centre for Policy Studies.
My company is investing
heavily at what could be said
to be the textile industry's
worst time for decades. Part
of the decision-making process of the decision-making process for this investment has been our attitude to change, One's reaction to it as a "threat" or an "opportunity" is clearly a matter of attitude. The Cotton and Allied Tex-tiles Training Board has so

rightly recognized this exceedingly difficult area and has, among the many other excellent services they offer, a unique Organizational Development HELL The workshops this runs create awareness promotes a capability for individuals and companies to cope

positively with change. Not only would it be a tragedy for that unit to be dissolved but I cannot see any sort of "voluntary activity" or commercial organization acting as positively and helpfully as our training board.

The challenge of this decade is to change successfully with change. Our training board has, in my view, a dramatically important role to play in that process.

Yours faithfully,
H. PETER VOGEL,
Managing Director,
Perivale-Gütermann Limited
Wadsworth Road, Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 7JS. January 16.

### BL incentives

Pantomima

From Mr Irving Stone Sir, Having read Mr Penhaligon's letter (January 15) suggesting that the Government promise the workforce of BL "that all profits made in the next five years would be distrinext five years would be distributed among them " and then his observation that " the trouble is hardly any British Leyland employee believes it will ever make any money and even if it does they know it will not directly benefit them ". I can only confess to a feeling of incredulity when I see that Mr Penhaligon's official title is Liberal Party spokesman for industry.

I trust that this contradictory, confused logic is not representative of his party's other policies. Yours truly, IRVING STONE,

Flat 1, 13 Old Church Street, London, SW3. January 15.

## Drive for lower interest rates

Presumably, he is a borrower. It looks quite different to a lender. At today's interest rates anybody who invests money is still putting it into somebody else's sieve. From time to time the size of the holes change but there is a least a well as in the size of the holes change but there is a least a well as in the size of the holes change but there is a least a well as in the size of the holes change but there is a least a well as in the size of the holes change but there is a least a well as in the size of the holes change but there is a least a well as in the size of the holes change but there is a least a well as in the size of the holes change but the size of the holes change the size of t there is always a net drain. By the time the principal is re-turned the erosion of capital by turned the erosion of capital by inflation is greater than the cost of interest after tax. He knows that But with so many putting their money on deposit in banks or building societies at 11 has cent or less no one at 111 per cent or less, no one

From Mr Edward A. Kalfayan

Sir, Mr Maltby's letter (January 5) and the many others rooting for lower interest rates do nor disclose the main counter-argument.

I will borrow any sum up to six figures from him at higher rates than he complains of Will he lend it to me?

Presumably, he is a borrower. It looks quite different to a lender. At today's interest rates anybody who invests money is a lender of the many others. The City, we are told, is currently awash with money. Let it be offered at widely different levels of interest and efficient levels of security and efficient levels of service could obtain loans for expansion despite poor balance sheets with benefit to overall economic activity and job creation. mic activity and job creation.
And please don't let another bank chairman write that there is money for every good prospect. In my experience a pedestrian idea with or without asset backing has more chance than a brilliant one. Banks are frightened of merkering, though it is marketing that Britain desperately needs in a situation of declining meds in a situation of declining world trade. Valuinnovation with proved

market acceptance by large companies but without asset backing still has no friend.

If interest rates really are too high there must be many wishing to lend my company money at today's interest rates—or higher. Please let them go higher still and shake out the undeserving borrower with a poor project who would rie up assets to no good purpose. A few fingers may be burned in the property market, for there the sieves have been held out the sieves have been near our successfully for so many years that serious distortions have taken place in our productive ability and the country is paying for it now. Yours faithfully,

EDWARD A. KALFAYAN, Managing Director, Letterstream Limited.

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# **Exchange markets** wait for US policy changes

Ahead of the release of the American jostages and the unfreezing of Iranian inancial assets, foreign exchange markets "-nave been quier and cautious. The general og towerd the world be coling in markets seems to be that the n in reeing of the Iranian assets is unlikely to Signal teeing of the factoring of funds in a Single ead to any sudden switching or start, that have her would hardly be in the Iranians' own inhere blerest. There does, however, seem to have ind neen a certain amount of hedging, with sterling one of the main beneficiaries so 

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inness Trident Television is still the programme contractor for Tyne-Tees and Yorkshire, and it is still pulling in a lot of advertising. It is, Rear however, unsure of just about everything else and yesterday's rise in the non-voting the later than the shares of 2p to 47 p may simply reflect relief at the group's possible departure from

Turnover grew from £64.5m to £90m in the year to last September and pretax profits rose from £7.5m to £9.1m. Advertising peaked after a two-month old ITV Ollin strike but income fell temporarily thanks to a delay in receipt of revenue which cut . ... into interest income.

"Other interests" in fact saw profits fall from £2.34m to £2.19m, thanks to the cost of building up the United States offshoot, Trident Television Associates which buys television material and distributes it, chiefly in the United States. But last year it had in little time to do any selling.

On These other interests which include Windsor Safari Park and Watts and Corry in scenery construction seem to be moving Alad Inforward, and TTA is now making small profits. Advertising revenue is holding up an American mexpectedly well but more and more of it merenes is being booked on a hand-to-mouth basis. s are So the decision to raise the dividend by 15

per cent is cautious. If the board had stuck to its stated policy of covering dividends twice, the total payment would have been 4.3p.

It is, then, anyone's guess whether profits this year will approach last year's level which present trends imply. It is also, despite talks with the IBA, anyone's guess whether Trident will be left with useful stakes in the two programme networks.

If not, and smoke signals indicate caution, Trident may get out of contracting altogether.

It could well be that Trident will emerge with assets of 55p to 60p a share of which a lot will be in cash at the end of a divesting exercise. So the shares now yielding 12 per cent seem worth keeping even if Trident without networks does not fall victim to a

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#### Is the pantomime now over?

For the second time in seven months House of Fraser's shareholders have routed an attempt by Lonrho to call the shots in Fraser's boardroom. Significantly, too, yesterday's defeat for Mr Rowland's camp— 71.5 million votes against 51.9 million-was

almost as heavy as that incurred when it attempted to force up the department store group's dividend last June.

Is it too much to hope that the pantomime is now over? Having reportedly cost Fraser shareholders £1m so far in defending its decisions against Lonrho. Lonrho should appreciate that further moves of this kind could be judged rash and not only in the Fraser boardroom.

Followers of Mr Rowland's tactical abilities will naturally maintain that Lonrho has only been softening-up Fraser for a final blow—a bid for the 70 per cent of shares it does not already own. That bid may indeed be on its way, but it is hard to see how Lonrho's manouvres has altered Fraser's market profile as a bid prospect.

Fraser's share price fell 2p to 126p yester day, where it is worth £190m in the market and still represents a very big bite indeed for Lonrho which is capitalized at £248m. Indeed, if a bid had been his intention, Mr Rowland's timing looks badly awry. Fraser claims record trading last Christmas and its balance sheet has been strengthened by the



Mr Rowland, Lonrbo's chief executive, at yes-terday's House of Fraser meeting in Glasgow.

£40m of sale and leaseback deals which Lonrho attempted to block.

But whatever its long-term game-plan-if indeed it has one—Lonrho must realise that now is the time to " put up or shut up " with regard to its perennial takeover suggestions. It should bid or call off its vendetta and

allow Fraser's executives to run the store group if it is not to lay itself open to accusations of "harassment" and irrespon-

## A foothold for

It is clear why Inveresk is recommending the 35p a share bid from Georgia-Pacific. It has at best an erratic record—profits peaked at £4.7m pretax in 1974 and have been on a downward trend ever since-and its shareholders saw dividends reduced in both 1978 and 1979 until last year's interim was finally omitted following half-year losses of £1.6m.

The recession in the paper and printing industry has also ensured that Inveresk's results for the second half of 1980 will be much worse than in the first half. There has been further retrenchment and nearly a quarter of the workforce was made redundant during 1980.

So with trading losses and redundancy and closure costs heading for £7m in 1980and another difficult year in prospect-Inveresk had little choice but to recommend an offer pitched over two-fifths above the market price before the preliminary announcement of talks was made.

Georgia-Pacific, meanwhile, evidently wants a foothold in the European paper industry and has known Inveresk for a long time. It is paying £7.1m compared with assets of perhaps £12m after last year's losses but the puzzle is that the main attraction of Inveresk-much of whose industrial assets are fairly old-is its investment properties valued at £8.3m.

Presumably Georgia-Pacific will sell some of these off to pay off borrowings which will have risen sharply in 1980 from the £6.6m in the 1979 accounts—a course which Inveresk was already considering anyway.

## Takeover battle for Denmark's North Sea oil

Copenhagen

Legislation to be presented to the Folketing (the Danish parliament) later this mouth will drastically speed up the exploration and exploitation of Denmark's offshore North Sea oil and gas reserves.

The move follows the decision last month by the Social Democratic Danish minority government to nationalize Denmark's North minority Sea fields after the breakdown of 10 months of difficult negotiations with A. P. Moeller, the private Danish industrial, shipping and prospecting con-cern, which at present exercises the concession exclusively.

The story of Denmark's North Sca offshore adventure is not without its romantic aspects. In 1932, according to a recently screened Danish television news documentary, Mr Thorvald Stauning, Denmark's first Social Democratic Prime Minister, fell in love with the then United States envoy to Denmark, Mrs Ruth Bryan Owen. This led to an American friend of the ambassador, a Mr Frederick F. Ravlin, who was an eccentric engineer and self-styled oil prospector from Miami, landing the entire Danish onshore and offshore underground concession

By 1962 the concession had changed hands several times to land back in Danish hands, A. P. Moeller then gaining the entire concession for 50 years by agreement with the then Social Democratic government. In 1962 the full potential of the North Sea as a source of oil and gas energy was not realized. Dissatisfied with Moeller's sole rights, and increasingly critical of the slow pace of the exploration of the North Sea offshore areas by Moeller, the (at that time also Social Democratic) government again held talks with the concern in 1976. These resulted in Moeller agreeing to return 10 per cent of the area every five years, starting this year, a process which has already been embarked upon this month.

The latest round of negotiations on greater state control, initiated last February, collapsed irrevocably in mid-Decem-

agree to returning all unexplored offshore areas to the
state by 1990, starting with 45
per cent in 1983. The state also
insisted on the right to purchase 40 per cent of all oil and
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exercises the cancession through the so-called Danish Underground Consortium (DUC), in cooperation with Shell, Standard Oil and Texaco.

DUC has made a small number of oil finds and, as from this work. from this year, expects to pro-duce some 2 million tonnes of

oil per year from the North The parties were also unable to reach agreement about state ownership of an offshore pipeline connecting the fields with the Jutish mainland.

The legislation will be in four stages, with the government expropriating the as yet unexploited areas of the North Sea which represent 80 per cent of the total Danish North Sea the total sector and leaving Moeller to exploit the 20 per cent it has been and is exploiting (largely

ber after Moeller failed to the south-west area fringing on duced for the leasing of areas

Two prime ministers closely involved in the history of the Danish oil fields: left, Mr Thorvald

Stauning, whose friendship with the United States's woman ambassador to Denmark led to the entire onshore and offshore concession being given to an American prospector in 1935; right, Mr Anker Joergensen, the present prime minister, who believes that nationalization is in the

The next stage will give the state first refusal of half of all oil produced, while the third stage will compel the consortium and other eventual oil producers to use state-owned and operated pipelines to land all North Sea oil. The first three stages of the legislation are to be passed before the summer

The government also plans to present further legislation to parliament next October (stage four), altering Denmark's North Sea taxation and licensing terms to bring them more into line with British and Norwegian practice.

As regards state taxation, DUC is at present liable to pay only an 8.5 per cent royalty and 40 per cent corporate tax to the Danish state. Nor has the block system, such as is in operation in other countries' North Sea offshore fields, yet been intro-

companies will New companies will be offered licences in the nationalized area this spring and the Danish Ministry of Energy claims that a dozen have already shown interest. Moeller's reaction to the government's plans has been to threaten to sue for breach of contract and compensation, a claim which could, legal experts say, amount to a multi-million kroner sum. DUC has to date invested

some 6,000m kroner (£424m) in North Sea activities. Years of legal haggling and court cases are expected as Moeller also claims the expropriation to be unconstitutional, a fact which Mr Anker Joergensen, the Prime Minister, dismisses on the grounds that the legislation is in the national interest.

By carefully taking over only unexploited areas of the North Sea and leaving Moeller the areas it is working the government hopes to render any expro-priation compensation claim

from the company legally invalid.

Undeterred by the threats of legal action, Mr Joergensen has also said that the leasing out of the newly nationalized areas of the Danish North Sea to new

licensees will go on, regardless, after the passing of the new.
Bill and not be subject to delay.
Backed by leftist parties, the government has a safe majority in parliament for the national ization legislation, which is also strongly supported by Danish public opinion. Appeals by the Liberal and Conservative and other rightist parties for the government to reopen negotiations with Moeller were furnly

rejected as unrealistic by the Prime Minister earlier this

Mr Joergensen has ignored renewed calls this week from a majority of political parties to reopen negotiations with A. P. Moeller, after a statement by the director of the concern in the Conservative newspaper Berlingske Tidende last Sunday to the effect that the differences between Moeller and the vernment over new rules for

the North Sea were minimal.
The Prime Minister reiterated vesterday that any new approach would have to come from Moeller and represent a radical improvement on the concern's previous stance, which he did not think was in the offing Mr Jocrgensen added that his government intended to press on with the new legislation, only consulting Moeller where necessary Danish North Sea oil output

is expected to reach about 40,000 barrels per day in the early part of this decade, a modest vield compared with the 2 million harrels produced daily by Norway and Britain; None the less, when the Danish North Sea gas comes on stream in 1984, the North Sea will be providing 30 per cent of Denmark's total energy needs, ris-ing to almost half by the end of the decade. This will make a vital contribution to the fuel requirements of the otherwise resourceless Denmark and ease its chronic balance of payments

Christopher Follett

## Many bargain offers are not what they seem

## Shops that are still breaking the law

in the January sales have been, if not false, illegal. A walk down Oxford Street produced 10 windows full of illegal sale price tickets in as many minutes.

Indeed, very few shops can claim to have price marking which complies impeccably with the Price Marking (Bargain Offers) Order, 1979, a piece of by many to be completely unin-tellizible.

The Department of Trade's explanatory notes—intended to guide enforcement officers through the order's complexities
—themselves run to 9½ closely typed foolscap pages and even then the advice offered leaves room for doubt about what would and what would not be caught under the order's terms. Trading standards officers and businessmen alike claimed

at the time of its introduction that the order could neither be understood nor enforced. There is evidence, however,

that the order, brought in by the last Labour government on the advice of the Director-General of Fair Trading, is beginning to bite. Though prosecutions under the Trade Descriptions Act have

to be notified, no one records centrally those made under the Prices Act and its associated orders. What follows, therefore, is the most comprehensive summary as yet available of successful prosecutions to data for congraventions of the bargain offers order.

The results go some way to indicate more clearly what really is illegal now that the order is in force. They also show what are likely to continue to be the favourite targets

Many of the bargains offered devote some priority to the order's enforcement.

order's enforcement.

The principal provisions of the order came into force on July 2, 1979. Eighteen months later there appear to have been 14 successful prosecutions for breaching them. A handful more are in the pipeline.

The most signal success for the order's champions was certainly the case in west Yorkshire brought against MFI Furniture Centres, one of the

furniture Centres, one of the companies whose advertising style fuelled the concern that led to the order's introduction. of ten counts arising from advertisements for a half

MFI was also among the victims claimed by the zealous enforcement officers in Croypaper advertisement showing price comparisons with "normal MFI prices" which had in fact never been charged at the store concerned.

Croydon also chalked up fines

for trading standards depart- which claimed to be selling ments which do decide to carpet at a 54 per cent reduc-

MFI was fined £500 on each price" sale, when it was shown that the prices charged were the same before, during and after the sale.

don. There the company was fined £50 op each of three charges arising from a news-

of £10 on each of ten charges against a company called Vogue Interiors, which showed price tickets marked "sale" without any indication of what the previous price had been.

Implied and unspecified

reductions of this kind are the most widespread offences against the Bargain Offers Order at present, but as yet there has been only one other successful prosecution on this score—in Devon where a local trader was fixed £25 on each of four

## Robin Young

tion, but had never charged the "usual price" it showed, and a penalty of £100 against Home-charm Retail, which used an illegal comparison with the manufacturers' alleged recommended price on an electrical

appliance. facturer's recommended price are illegal on beds and mattresses, domestic electrical appliances and their counterparts using other fuels, consumer electronic goods, carpets

In Tyne and Wear Robert Anthony (Investment Jeweller) was fined £500 on ten charges for price indications on lewelry in which comparisons were made with what were said to be insurance valuations. Another case will be heard shortly in which the trader is expected to plead guilty, having used tickets saying: "Today's value X — our price Y." Statements which suggest that

the retail price indicated is less than the goods are worth are banned by the order, even if what is claimed can be sub-stantiated. A Devon trader had to pay £25 for suggesting that something's "value" was higher than its price.
In Blackburn, Lancashire, a

furniture warehouse's adver-tisements fetched two fines of £100, and in Burton, Stafford-shire, a stock disposal trader was similarly fined £50 each on two charges, having quoted "normal prices" which were not in fact his own.

Croydon won a fine of £300 quoted, the details must be against Eastern Carpet Stores, which claimed to be selling carpet at 2.54 per cent radius. man slipped up on that in

Diligent work with tape recorders also caught a one-day In Dorset a market trader

was fined £50 for each of four vague oral price claims. The recorders were even more successful in Devon and Kent. where the same mock auctioneer was caught in both counties in full spate with worth and value claims ("worth" this, "normally" that, "normally retailing at"

ing—14 cases involving 60. charges brought by nine authorities, netting £7,150 in fines—but it shows that trading standards authorities are at last making sense-and getting successful prosecutions—out of the order. Traders no doubt the order. Traders no doubt dislike liability to fines, which could go up to £1,000 on summary conviction for offences which they might regard as technical but it appears that in all these cases consumers might have been misled by the sort of price comparisons that were being ' made.

Advertisers also now have Advertisers also now have to 50 per cent off " are not necessarily objectionable, understand the provisions of though in conjunction with a price claim they might run Standards Authority suspended the relevant section of the Bri.

Avon when claiming orally tish Code of Advertising Practuat the three-piece suite which tice shortly after the bargain they were selling "would cost offers order was introduced, £600 at Jolly's in Bath." The claiming that the code might claim could not be substanbe be brought into irreconcilable tared and it cost them £50 conflict with the law. While the code generally

recorders also caught a one-day be substantiated, the bargain offers order prohibited soma-saying "elsewhere you would expect to pay £32—my price is £12" and it cost him £25.

In Dorset a market permitted claims which could code would not have offended the order.

The difficulty has still not been resolved but Mr Peter Thomson, the ASA's directorgeneral, has now produced and circulated his own guidance notes on the order.

("worth" this, "normally "then give warning that they hat, "normally retailing at "do not attempt complete and "in a catalogue it would cost"), which cost him 525 on pitfalls that have been little each of 10 charges.

The tally is not overwhelm sons with an advertiser's involving 50. These fill eight pages (and sons with an advertiser's future intended price, for example, must make clear precisely when it is proposed to charge the new price. (At the same time it seems doubtful that a prosecution would succeed simply because, in the event, the price was not then increased.)

Mr Thomson's interpretation is also that advertisers cannot compare their present prices with competitors' precumstances are precisely spelt out He issues a strong warning against unspecific claims, but says that phrases like "up

## Business Diary: Novamark's maestros match Metro

John Murphy and Mike Grant are the directors of the company which came up with the name Metro for BL.

That is their biggest "find" to date in seven years of looking for names, although they think they have another good 'un coming off in a few weeks with the launch of a disposable razor which on their advice Gillette is to call Slalom.

Murphy and Grant are the men behind Novamark International, whose motto is "We create trademarks all over the

BL came to Novamark early in 1979, about 18 months before Metro, then codenamed LCS, was due to be launched. acterisms and The problem, Murphy told me yesterday, was not that BL could not find a name, but that it had too it had too many. One of those d many. O have been the end of the road for BL if Metro had flopped. BL wanted something short,

> body else. Four months and £18,000 later Novamark came up with three names, of which Metro was BL's, rather than Novamarks, favourite. Grant thought that Maestro was more original and Murphy liked the sportier feel of Match.

and that was not rude in any

language or "owned" by any-

They come up with these and up with names aplenty, but not Manning's other names with the halp of the one that is necessarily right came back to creative groups.", among either in marketing or legal Super Piss.



Putting a name to the product: John Murphy (left) and Mike Grant, monaging director and fellow director of Novamark International in London yesterday.

Manning's photograph and came back with an aerosol of

which are people like Scrabble times. Murphy and Grant champion David Stirling. The threw in their jobs and their groups had two-hour sessions.
Murphy and Grant came into lots together.
They now have offices in London and New York and are trythis business through cars: the ing to break into Japan. They "protect" existing trade marks former was once a marketing man for Dunlop, lumbered with as well as dreaming them up. finding a name for a new tyre My grip on the interview began to slacken when Grant, \_it later appeared after a long search as the Denovo-and the latter was a trade mark lawyer in an effort to illustrate some of the wilder shores of product with the same company. naming, darted over to the Finding that employees and shelves you can see in John advertising agencies can come

up with names aplenty, but not

I thought this was what Grant was taking, but it really is the name of a Finnish product for unfreezing car locks - and moreover one sold in this country. Not to be outdone, Murphy then handed me a packet of Burn, the brand name of some crisps PepsiCola sell in Spain. Grant, the lawyer, watches over less exotically named brand names for manufacturers

such as Mars. Curiously enough, the name Novemark" is not one of Murphy and Grant's own. It is an off-the-peg one, if a nice fit for all that and came to them when they acquired the British business of a French firm that once traded under that name.

I should add, perhaps, that they got my name wrong and called me "Davis" instead of "Davies" in a letter they sent me the other day, but we got that straight when I called on them yesterday.

I have had a letter from the British Printing Industries Federation to say that presen-tation of the National Business Calendar Awards will be made on Wednesday, January 28, and not on "Wednesday, February 28", as previously advised. Besides being a month out, February 28 is in any case a Saturday, as calendar printers should know. The hapless lady who sent the letter of correction is a Helena Memory.

Of all the parties involved Having noted Kenneth Baker's in the hostages drama, the appointment as Minister of Iranians, the Americans, the Algerians and the British, it was the British who to the end remained the most secretive. Even as the two emissaries

from the Bank of England flew on Friday to Algiers to help with fund transfer problems and new Iranian accounts, the authorities in London only reluctantly admitted that they had gone there at all. Kit McMahon, the deputy governor at the Bank and David

Somerset, the chief cashier, are in their normal roles far from being trouble-shooters Kir McMahon, a 53-year-old genial Australian has spent much of his life as an academic economist. His career is not that of a traditional banker. He

joined the Bank in 1964 after a spell at the Treasury
But McMahon's reputation at
the Bank rests firmly on his international role. In 1976 he was the main negotiator of the \$5,300m sterling rescue package which included support from the Fed and other central banks as well as International Mone-tary Fund (IMF) backing. David Somerset, the chief cashier since last year, is the man whose name appears on British banknotes. He is also reputed to be one of the best

technical bankers around.

His career is that of a traditional central banker with only a three-year spell at the IMF.

appointment as Minister of State for Industry and Informa-tion Technology, I was naturally interested to know whom he would appoint as his PPS.

In fact, as I learnt yesterday. it is John Lee, who entered the House after last year's general election as the member for Neison and Coine, aithough he has been around in Tory politics for much longer, notably as political secretary to Robert Carr.

It was, however, in Lee's business background that I was most interested. The Department of Industry said in a statement that he had founded and later sold out his own quoted group and was a direc-tor of a building society, but the civil servants named neither It was here that industry and information technology broke down, for nobody at the minis

missing names. They are in fact, Chancery Consolidated, which Lee sold out to Argustanot Latham six years ago, and the Midshires Building Society.

ter's ministry could supply the

Out of place: reader P. C. J. Nair writes from Kuala Lumpur to say that he saw in Singapore recently a sign advertising a company called Unlimited company called Enterprises Limited.

Ross Davies

#### Hickson & Welch

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS AND TIMBER PRESERVERS

Extracts from the Report and Accounts for 1980

Year ended 30th September	1980	1979
	£000	£000
Turnover .	93,296	85,527
Exports sales of the U.K. companies	28,600	30,200
Group profit before tax	6,475	8,064
Earnings for ordinary shareholders	3,242	7,621
Total ordinary dividend	1,450	1,450
Earnings – pence per share	17	39
Investment in new capital expenditure	. 4,236	6,542

Profits from chemical operations significantly reduced with trading

in the six months to 30th September, 1980 particularly difficult. \* Main adverse factors affecting the chemical side were higher energy and raw material costs than those of international competitors, high interest rates and especially the effect of the strong pound on export

\* Profits from timber preservation activities improved in the year with the overseas subsidiaries providing satisfactory results.

\* Capital expenditure concentrated on completion of existing projects and expenditure directed towards improved efficiency.

\* Future prospects should see some improvement in timber preservation and building materials, but conditions affecting the chemical side are expected to remain difficult in 1980/81.

\* Recommended final dividend 5p per share for 1980/81 making total

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Stock markets

# Release of hostages sparks flurry of activity

industrials scoring gains of several pence as talk of a further cut in the Minimum Lending Rate in the next Budget continued apace.

Worries over the escalation of the seamen's strike and the impending strike by local gov-ernment workers appeared to take a back seat. But gold shares showed further weakness on the back of the bullion price because of the United States hostages situation.

After lunch, jobbers com-plained that inquiry was begin-ning to fizzle out as the hostages continued to wait for their flight home and fears of a breakdown in the deal began m surface.

However, confirmation that the aircraft had taken off saw a flurry of activity after hours with the FT Index closing 5.0 higher at 458.6 after being only 2.9 ahead at 3 pm.

Gilts themselves made another firm start but the lack of follow through was enough to cancel earlier gains of around The Government broker activated some of his specialist "tap" Treasury 3 per cent 1985
"A" at £722, upon which it rallied to £72 21/32, before closing unchanged. The picture was more or less the same across the board with most issues closing unchanged.

Leading industrials improved after a hesitant start but finished below their best levels of the day. Beecham showed a

Briefly

Palmerston Inv Trust: Pretax surplus for the six months to September 30 £120,500 (deficit £4,000). Interim 0.85p gross.

£4,000). Interim 0.85p gross.

John Crowther Group: L. Messel saysthat in accordance with standby offer made on January 12, 1981, to acquire any ordinary 25p shares, held by outside shareholders at a price of 22p per share to the vendor (less normal dealing expenses), the total number of shares acquired was 2,000. As a result of transactions carried out

holders on the register at February 6. Full details of the results for thehalf-year ended December 31 will be circulated shortly.

Stag Line hints at

counter bid

The strong resilience of the The strong resilience of the food sector, backed up by recent bullish talk about January sales trends, was borne out again yesterday. A line of more than 100,000 J. Sainsbury shares were snapped up in minutes yesterday and the share price went on the rally 7p at 368p.

after the news that its parent Akzo was offering no further financial support and intended to make 800 workers redundant

at its Antrim factory. On the bid front, shares of Inveresk Group dipped 11p to 33p after the agreed bid of 33p a share from Georgia Pacific. But shares of Olives Paper Mills

rose 3p to 20p. Elsewhere, Booth Inter-

Company Sales
Int or Fin
Bootham Eng (F) 7,3(6.6)
Countryside Prop (F) 14.5(12.0)
Hales Properties (I) —(—)
Heron Motor (I) 45.9(6.8)

Leda Inv (F)

Palmerston inv (I)
Property Secs (I)
Trident TV (F)
Wellman Free (I)

Equities rook their cue yesterday from the previous night's along with Glazo at 248p, Uniterest of Government securities as buyers nibbled away, pushing prices higher in generally thin conditions.

Dealers reported a further improvement in confidence by mid-morning with leading industrials scoring gains of several pence as talk of a further cut in the Minimum Lending Rate in the next Budget

The strong resilience of the day at 170p along with Glazo at 248p, Unitered at 233p and lever at 443p, BAT at 233p and lever at 443p, BAT at 233p and lever at 45p. But GKN at 150p.

Fisons hardened 4p to 132p, but Ci, having rallied to 288p, but CI, having rallied to 288p, but CI, having rallied to 288p, closed unchanged at 286p still reflecting the worries over next month's dividend payout.

Shares of British Enkalon were requoted 2p lower at 5p lighter at 106p after a recent bout of Far Eastern buying as Renwick hardened 1p to 74p amid speculation that Kangra International was about Kangra International was about

Kangra International was about to bid, having extended its stake to 27.51 per cent.

Stag Line leapt 20p to 395p after hours as the board announced it was in talks that might lead to a counterbid in opposition to the one from Hunting Gibson Hunting Gibson,

Details of a rights issue to raise £830,000 clipped 2p from Hampton Trust at 622p. Speculative attention had Brengreen up 21p to 48p. Sheffield Brick 4p to 30p, Ocean Transport 6p to 121p, J. Bibby 8p to 232p, Davenports Brewery 8p to 105p, Crouch Group 8p to 150p, and Stocklake Holdings 4p to 80p. \*\* Buy " recommendations saw Pilkington Bree 9p heavier at Pilkington Bros 9p heavier at 260p, McKechnie Brothers 4p to 318 to 89p and Granada 4p to 192p, while further concessions to 134p.

Latest results

0.9(1.3) 0.23(0.19) 0.25†(1.04) 0.38\*(0.33\*) 0.12(0.003†) 2.33(2.13)

Earnings

shareholders lifted European Ferries 4p to 149p. The Government's intention

not to cut defence spending further sent defence shares higher after hours. But jobbers described trade as quiet in thin conditions. Racal rose 3p to 302p, Ferranti 5p to 455p, and Thorn EMI 4p to 290p. Unitech rallied after recent weakness, climbing 11p to 240p, and bid rumours saw MK Electric 13p dearer at 190p. But adverse comment clipped 6p from Muir-

In engineering, Westland Aircraft dipped 5p to 123p, follow-ing the sales warning, although Hawker Siddeley managed a 6p rise at 242p.

rise at 242p.

The main feature in stores was House of Fraser's victory over Lonrho, in forcing through its sale and leaseback proposals. But after a strong risee the previous day shares of House of Fraser closed 2p easier at 126p yesterday. Optimistic remarks over retail sales this month found Freemans (5W9) 60 found Freemans (SW9) 60 higher at 108p and Grattan's 2p stronger at 58p, while in foods B. Matthews climbed 11p to 318p, in a thin market, and Hazlewood Foods gained 9p at

Year's

total 11.5(11.5)

3.5(—) 3.5(3.1)

27/2 4.27(3.78) 3/3 —(—)

house Forte rose 3p to 183p with Associated Dairies, reporting next week, 6p better at 196p.

Banks recovered slightly after worries earlier in the week about dividends, with Barclays 5p stronger at 401p and Midland at 328p and Lloyds at 331p, both 3p up, while National

Dixons Photographic, with its development into consumer electronics, is still rated modestly after the City's recent fascination with the electrical sector which helped push the price to its current 133p, say brokers Capel-Cure Myers. Its language term growth prospects are long term growth prospects are also based on its strong photo-graphic market identification.

Westminster mustered a 2p rise at 360p. Among discount houses Alexanders Discount made the most of recent figures, 52 heavier at 282p, with Union Discount, reporting today, 10p to the good at 508p. In finan-cials, specularive attention helped Britannia Arrow 2p to 45p amid talk that Hongkong & Shanghai Bank was interested Equity turnover on January 19 was £85.828m (14,562 bargains). Active stocks vesterday, according to the Exchange Teleaccording to the Exchange Teles, Bass, Levex, ICI, Grand Met, Brooke Bond Liebig, Associated Dairies, BP, BAT, CEC, House of Fraser, Barclays Bank, Lasmo and Marks & Spencer.

Traded Options: Marks & Spencer. Spencer attracted strong support accounting for 232 contracts out of a total of 984.

Traditional options saw calls made in ICI at 24p, John Brown at 6p and British Land at 72p.

# Heron Motor halves interim after plunge into losses

Heron Moror Group, like many other car retailers, has many other car retailers, has been hir sharply by the recession and its first-half figures show pretax losses, a sharp drop in sales and a halved interim. The losses came to £247,000 compared with last year's interim profit of £1m. Sales to third parties were down by 30 per cent from £65.8m to £45.9m in the six months to September 30 1980. This partly reflects the groups rationalization scheme. groups rationalization scheme, which has closed more than 30 outlets in the last three years. Mr Gerald Ronson, the chair-Mr Geraid Konson, the chairman, said that although the results were very disappointing they were an improvement on last year's second half. The trading profit of £101,000 compares with a loss of £156,000 while an after-interest loss of £247,000

compares with one of £833,000. The branch rationalization contributed to the improvement

Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman Corporation.

and was reflected in lower over-



and chief executive of Heron

heads and interest charges which dipped from £424,000 to £348,000. The rationalization is now virtually complete and pect extraordinary losses from moto closures will be absorbed by share surpluses from the disposal of low.

the properties. With assets; share at 47p in the ias accounts, Mr Ronson said this year's accounts will show at improvement on that figure.

Although turnover is expected to be around £100m by the year end, against 5122m last year trading continues to be high competitive and it is difficul to anticipate the final result

Mr Ronson said. The introduction of the Rolls Royce Spirit and Spur had bee well received but he added tha older models were much harde to sell. Despire the success of the Metro, it could only be viewed as the start of the rebuilding of the BL model range

The interim dividend ha been haived from 1.14p gros to 0.57p in view of the continting uncertainties, and the propect of a difficult year for the motor group. On the news, the shares dipped ip to 23p, a new

By Margarera Pagano Rosgill Holdings was the sub-ject of a surprise takeover bid

"It totally ignores the nude

which had been acting as Ros gill's banker, also withdrew last November and indicated to County Bank, which stepped in as banker, that it wished to sell its stake. County Bank had been seeking to place ICFC's holding, at the same price as yesterday

Arab shareholders in Evered the loss-making engineering group, have increased their stake to 29.95 per cent—just short of the level which would trigger a full bid under take-

over rules.

Evered is already subject of a proposed 22p a share bid from Francis Industries. However, the latest share purchases by Zahid Industries and Investigations.

### Takeover bid for Rosgill

pesterday from a newly formed private company, Lawncast, which is jointly owned by Rosgill's former chairman, Mr James Ingles, and Amber Day Holdings.

Holdings.

The board at Rosgill, which sells lingerie and clothing by direct selling methods, was said last night to be "outraged and very surprised" by the bid, which values the group at \$2.6m. The board, whose chairman now is Mr David Peel, and its advisers County Rank des. its advisers, County Bank, des-cribed the offer as entirely inadequate.

lying profitability of Rosgill, particularly in view of the trading figures recently announced", Mr Peel said. "The directors do not consider any commercial advantage of an association with Amber Day."

The offer from Lawncast—which would be 78 per cent owned by Amber if the deal went through—is at 27.5p per share. The share price held at 150 per share through the deal was the deal went through—is at 27.5p per share. 29p through the day, its high for the year. Lawncast has for the year. Lawncast has already acquired or obtained irrevocable acceptances representing 62.5 per cent of Rosgill's ordinary snares. Mr Ingles, who founded Rosgill with Mr Peel, holds 1.3m shares and 520,000 nonbeeficial. He is not thought to have sold the stake but given an undertaking to do so. Other main institu-tional holders are ICFC with 26.34 per cent and Grapefield with 9 per cent, both believed

of opinion with the board. ICFC,

#### Arab stake in Evered raised to 29 pc By Our Financial Staff

ments and associates and Mohamed Mahmoud Badr were

#### Wellman falls into red as recession bites "Nevertheless the group would

Wellman Engineering, the thermal and mechanical group, slipped into losses at the halfway stage, as forecast by Mr Alan Hopkins, the chairman, at the annual meeting last September.

Pretax losses amounted to £407,000 compared with a profit of £545,000 last year and a full-year profit of £2m in 1980. Turnover during the six months to September 30, increased by 45 per cent from £11,8m to £17.3m but the difference was largely attributable to the Pretax losses amounted to largely attributable to the inclusion of the American acquisition, Wellman Thermal Systems, for seven weeks. Volume was down substantially ing £204,000.

Interest charges accounted for £175,000 against £67,000 credit last time as overdrafts were used for the group's con-tracting business. Wellman was in credit at the end of the last financial year but it looks as if it will pay some interest charges

at the year end. Mr Hopkins said that the loss was a result of the world recession, the impact of which had become more serious in the

industries the group served.

have broken even at its tradin level in the period apart from regrettable redundancies cost ing £204,000 ".
"Orders are still difficult to

obtain, although Wellman Fu naces are encouraged by the recent order worth £4.7m ft 14 metal decorating lines ", h added. Group headquarters will mov from Parnell House in London

which was sold for £1.750 when new offices are found Weliman will add any surplu less taxation, to shareholder funds, which would hav amounted to 27.5m at the en of the interim stage if the sal had been completed. The priceds, meanwhile, have bee used to reduce short-term by rowings in the United States. The interim dividend ha been maintained at 2.28p groand in the absence of unformation circumstances the fire which last year was 2.5p gms is not at risk. However, Mr Hor kins said that the second had would show some improvement in trading based on the thirquarter and current order: Last September he indicate that the full year would b

#### **Business appointments**

## Sir Robert Telford now chairman of Marconi

Sir Robert Telford has assumed Mr Hugh Campbell is now chi-executive of the leistre and trav-division of the Low and Som the chairmanship of The Marconi Company and Mr A. S. Walsh has been made its managing director. with 9 per cent, both believes
to have sold.

Mr Ingles, who has been a
non-executive director for several years, resigned last November amid runnours of differences
General Electric Company. Mr
forming with the board ICFC.

General Electric Company, Mr Arthur Walsh is now responsible within this main grouping for: Marconi Communication Systems, Marconi Radar Systems, Marconi Space and Defence Systems, Mar-coni Electronic Devices and Mc-Michael. Dr. I. MacBean is to Succeed Mr. Walch as managing succeed Mr Walsh as managing director of Marconi Space and Defence Systems.

Mr Allan Deeson has been named by Taistle Hotels as director of sales United Kingdom. Mr Bill Balley is now director of international sales.

Mr. K. C. Ragg is now a director of Braham Millar Group with specific responsibility for sales and marketing.

Mr Barry E. Bicks is now managing director of Sten-Re and its Lloyd's broking subsidiary Sten-Re (III) Sten-Re (UK).

Mr L. C. Cottrell has been made deputy chairman of Estates Pro-

perty.

Mr Stephen Mee becomes a director of William Davis, the Loughborough-based builders.

Mr W. J. Jenrick has been made managing director of Cannon Industries.

Group, Dundee. He also become deputy chairman and managing director of Naira Travel. Mr Trevor Davies is now mana ing director, overseas travel, or Thomas Cook Group.

Mr D. B. Anderson becomes director of Yorkshire Post News Capers.

Mr Arthur D. Harverd has bee elected honorary treasurer of Il Textile Institute,

Mr Don I. Sh'mmon has becommanaging director of Hamilton Brothers Oil and Gas, He succeed Mr Robert Dyk, who has retinfollowing 15 years with the cor

Mr Garth Scholfield joins ti board of Knight Ellis & Compar from February 2. Mr John Curtis becomes director of Prescot Underwriting

and Management Services will overall responsibility for claim Matters in the company. N. W. F. Parry has joined to board as director responsible for the marine and aviation depar ment.

Mr David S. Barber has bee made chairman of Volumed Limited and Mr Michael J. Arthu becomes a director. The managing director of Volumatic, Mr Frank. Pegg, continues as chief exect

Bank Base

#### Kangra raises Renwick stake By Our Financial Staff

Kangra International Holdings the mysterious Hongkongbased "shelf " company, yesterday bought a further 4.99 per cent in fuel distribution to travel agents group Renwick, known in the market as the "5 per cent a wee kstock". It takes Kangra's holding to

27.51 per cent, just under the 30 per cent bid trigger under the Takeover Code. The holding now tops the 22.5 per cent of Renwick held by six unrelated clients of the Swiss Uto Bank, which has 200,000 shares

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#### Two funds added to Kennedy Brookes has concentrated Czar stable Kennedy Brookes has concentrated its London administration at 316-318 kings Road, London, SW3, and intends to dispose of its free-hold property in Chiswick. Directors intend to use the money realized from this sale—about £170,000—to expand the interests in catering.

By Our Financial Staff
Two more oil and gas exploration financing vehicles are trying to raise a total of Cana-dian \$30m (£10.5m) in Europe and the Far East for the North American stable that has al-Merger cleared: following pro-posed merger is not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission: C. and J. Clark and & Shoes. ready given birth to Shackle-ton, Europa and Hansa Petro-leum and raised over £15m (C\$20m) since last August. Half of that money came from

Local Authority Bonds: Interest rate on this week's issues of Local Authority Yearling bonds is 133 per cent issue. Issue price is 100 (last week 132 per cent at 100). Leda Investment Trust: Gross British investors.
The newcomers, revenue for year to December 31 £382,000 (£328,000). Post-tax revenue £216,000 (£190,000). Eps 4.32p (3.81p). Nav 71.9p (\$3.4p). Second int 2.8p net making 4.27p Energy and Humboldt, are in-tended to be the last in this wave of financing inspired by Scottish geologist Mr Bob Lamond, president of the flag-ship of the network of com-(3.78p).

Property Security Investment Tst:

Gross rental income for half year
to September 30, £2.33 (£2.13m).

Pretax profit £176,000 (£161,000).

Results exclude profits relating to
property and share dealing activities.

Interim dividend 0.5p
(0.4p adjusted for scrip). Board
expects a final dividend of 1.3p. panies, Czar Resources. Mr Lamond said yesterday that the next stage would be to raise new capital for the existing five funds.

Like their predecessors, the capital raised by Appian and Humboldt will finance oil and Bowater Building Products has sold brick and clay roofing tile works of Crossley Building Products at Broomfleet, North Humberside to Goxhill Tileries, of Barrow-upon-Humber.

Winterbottom Trust: Net asset talue at close of business on the courses and Lauriee Persures. value at close of business on January 16 was 379.6p, after deduction of prior charges at par. sources and Laurier Resources. Mr Lamond owns over half of Ravenna and about 30 per cent and 393.1p. after deduction of prior charges at market values.

of Laurier. Half of Appian's C\$15m capital is being raised in central Europe and the rest will come equally from Britain and Hongsquary from britain and rough kong. Humboldt, originally in-tended to be a C\$12m fund but now also raising \$C15m, aims to raise C\$4m in Canada, C\$3m in West Germany, C\$3.5m in Switzerland and C\$4.5m here.

#### International

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Paine Webber ahead

shares acquired was 2,000. As a result of transactions carried out last week, Company has been advised of the following shareholdings in excess of 5 per cent of the group's ordinary share capital: Mr Trevor Barker has 720,00 (20 per cent); Young Companies Investment Trust 200,000 (5.55 per cent); Cabot Recovery Trust (managed by Henderson Administration) 200,000 (5.55 per cent). Rootham Engineers: Dividend Paine Webber, the American merchant bank, yesterday reported net earnings of \$10.2m (£4.2m) for the first quarter to ration) 200,000 (5.55 per cent). Bootham Engineers: Dividend held at 16.4p gross for year to October 31. Turnover, £7.88m (£6.67m). Pretax profit £415,000 (£796,000). Eps-26.65p (45.5p). Group Investors have declared an interim dividend of 1.1p per share (1980 1.0p) for the year ended June 30, 1981. The dividend will be paid on March 6 to share-holders on the register at February December 31, against net earn-ings of \$6.9m last year. This year's figure included a contribution from Blyth East man Dillon.

French failures up French corporate failures, including insolvencies, liquida rions and legal settlements increased by 9.5 per cent last year to an unadjusted 17,375 from 15,863 in 1979, the Statistical Institute said. Industrial firms accounted for

3,390 failures, an increase of

14.8 per cent. People's Insurance

will be circulated shortly.
Securities Trust of Scotland: The loan to the company by Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company of 600m yen will be repaid on January 22, 1981. In its place the company has arranged two loans from the Royal Bank of Scotland, of 500m yen each for one and two years at interest rates of 9 and 9C per cent respectively. Total 1980 profits, including investment and interest for the People's Insurance Company of China rose to the equivalent of about £16.6m from £12m in 1979, the company said in Directors of Stag Line the North Shields shipping firm currently on the receiving end of a £4.4m takeover offer, yesterday hinted at the possibility of a rival bidder.

The group has already received a 355p a share offer from Hunting Gibson,

Peking.
In international business premium income rose to some £63.5m from £46.9m. The domestic insurance market, revived early last year after suspension since 1958, brought premium income of £55.2m.

CYCLICAL INDI			
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Investment group Hampton that the operators of Permit will seek a further extension of Frust is to raise £830,000 in a EP100 have not yet finalized the deadline for acquiring the their operating agreement. The stake from the Australian ventures of the control o Trust is to raise £830,000 in a one-for-eight rights issue to finance oil exploration interests in America and Australia, and its potential North Sea interests.

count to last night's share price of 62 p. It was pitched this low to reflect a continuing delay in Hampton's projected acquisition of a 3.5 per cent stake in Permit EP100 in the Woodada field in Australia's North Perth Basin. The purchase should have seen completed by December 31, but present rights issue.

Foreign Investment Review Board of Australia (FIRB) needs to see this agreement before it will consent to Hamp-The rights issue price of 45p ton's acquisition of the 3.5 per share is at a 28 per cent disceed stake from Australian holders. Normally foreign investors may hold up to 50 per cent of an Australian operation;

> in principle to consent to Hampton's taking a stake as long as

complete the acquisition is finally forthcoming, Hampton will be committed to putting up A\$170,000 (£\$30,000) of the initial production costs which

dors, who will exchange it for a guaranteed 9.14 per cent of Hampton's equity.

If permission for Hampton to

but the chief operator of EP100 will come from this rights is Hughes and Hughes of Texas issue. A further USS160,000 with 65 per cent. (£65,000) is earmarked for a Hughes and Hughes is willing share in two wells to be drilled in a known production area in Ohio. Hampton is also a memthe Australian vendors agreed that interest does not upset its ber of the Oxoco syndicate to extend the closing date to own position; and the FIRB currently waiting to hear February 28. One vendor has will only rule on that once it whether it has been awarded a underwritten 10 per cent of the has seen the operating agree licence in the North Sea in the seventh round applications.

# Rugby Portland US purchase

Rugby Portland Cement has counsel for Easerch state that half should be marginally made its first venture into the United States with the news that it has purchased for \$5.1m (£2.12m) a one-third interest in TSC (\$2.12m) a one-third interest US Cement Inc, a company formed recently by IFI International SA to acquire the total share capital of Hercules

Cement. One-third of the shares of US Cement will be held by Rugby, one-fifth by Unicem, the Italian cement group, while the balance will be retained by

IFINT is an associate of Istituto Finanziario Industriale SpA of Turin, of which the Agnelli and Nasi families are the main shareholders, while it will be recalled that Rugby is already in association with Unicem through Compagnie Financiere pour la Recherche et le Developpment of Luxem-

Hercules Cement is a single plant operation, with raw materials located near the

Enserch to defend action brought by Davy

best interest of Davy's share-holders, and Enserch will defend this suit vigorously, he added.

George Blair reduces its loss

George Blair, which is listed on the over the counter market reports a turnover for the 26 weeks to September 27 weeks to September 27 steady at E5.2m but its trading loss has been cut from £265,000 to £183,000.

The board says that the trading result is much as expected, but the burden of redundancy payments and interest charges was heavier than anticipated.

Demand for group products has continued to deteriorate and further redundancies have been necessary. The company coufurther redundancies have been necessary. The company coutiness to operate at a very low level of output. Most of its customers appear to have completed de-stocking.

The Douglas Construction, the Birmingham-based international contractor, has an nounced the award of contracts totalling £16.1m.

#### **Brent Chemicals** acquisition

Brent Chemicals Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brent Chemicals International has acquired for \$1.27m (£530,000). Uresco Inc, a Californian Corporation, subject to the approval of the commis-sioner of Corporations of the State of California Uresco makes and markets non-destructive testing and aerospace maintenance chemicals and systems, and is based in a suburb of Los Angeles.

#### Orders worth £16m for R M Douglas

Following Monday's an This factor together with fine largest or these is for nouncement by Davy Corp, that it had taken legal action in the cause a slight upturn in trade. Aberbeeg for the Gwent County United States against Enserch,

## Mergers and acquisitions

## How to save an ailing offshoot-sell it

Business immobility prevents many com-panies from putting "half sour" sub-sidiaries voluntarily on to the market. If companies were more skilful in selling their dull subsidiaries instead of waiting for mounting losses or closure, the trade in hive-offs could lead to a minor indus-trial revival in Britain. With years of analysis into the trends

of mergers and acquisitions in the United Kingdom, Mr Nicholas Stacey, chairman of Chesham Amalgamations & Investments, says that companies faced with dismal performances from hard-hit subsidiaries performances from hard-hit subsidiaries sell them only as a very last resort. Boardroom executives should rid themselves as quickly as possible of "half sour" subsidiaries, he says. The subsidiary should be sold to someone with both the faith and ability to run it on a shoestring

"It requires as much entrepreneurial skill by management to sell their minnows for better use under new hands as it does to acquire companies. And the time spent by management trying to pull a subsidiary around which is not making a return on capital employed—maybe five to seven years—is unbelievable", he added. "If only they could be converted to sell, and to realize that their amour propre is not in danger of being dented by doing so "Trade in hive-offs—> more Mr. Stacey Trade in hive-offs—a move Mr Stacey would applaud for its perential to strengthen Britain's industrial base—has held steady in the last 12 years. Apart from the freak years of 1971 and 1973, about 130 hive-offs are sold annually. But it has not shown a spectacular rise in the

The release of unsuccessful subsidiaries on to the market, which now offers more scope for risk-taking investors because of the increase in capital development firms,

enhances a healthy reconstruction. Mr Stacey's study says it is difficult to know how many hive-offs have been sold to other companies, or to individual entrepreneurs, but in general there has been little progress in encouraging companies to sell subsidiaries.

As a proportion of all acquisitions, the number of hive-offs has been hovering at around 22 per cent in recent years and their value makes up 12 per cent of the

Chesham completed fewer mergers in 1980 than in the previous year and this was also reflected in the value of the mergers transacted. Chesham trading mergers transacted. Chesham trading mirrors the national experience. For example, the company saw 20 acquisitions compared with 24 in 1978, and at a national level the total number recorded was 452—a fall of 82 on 1979. The average value of Chesham transactions was around £1m, compared with £3.32m for all mergers counted by the Department of Trade. The total value of last year's acquisitions is £1,500m at current prices compared with £1.656m in 1979 and £1,139m in 1978 when 567 were recorded. in 1978 when 567 were recorded.

Chesham note that the Government's monetarist policy, far from unleashing a new merger mania, has only accentuated the downward trend in acquisitions over the last twelve years. The current figures conceal the declining real value of merger transactions. Chesham's report contains tables with the values for 1969 to 1980 at prices adjusted to the Retail Price Index. Index. These show that the real "deflated" value of all acquisitions last year was £383m and not £1,500m. In 1979 the value was £485m—not £1,656m—and this was the highest figure for seven years. Even then, this is only marginally over half the

value of the 1973 total which, in real terms, was £932.3m. In 1972, one of the freak years, a total of £2,001m was

The average current value of indepen-dent firms acquired—this does not include hived-off subsidiaries—appears to have increased from £125m in 1969 to £3.2m in 1980, but again, if the results are deflated by the RPI, the actual value is lower at £850,000 last year. The value of hived-off subsidiaries, by deflated prices, for 1980 was £490,000 compared with a current price of £1.9m. current price of £1.9m.
Of the completed acquisitions handled

by Chesham, most activity was in mechanical engineering followed by the service trades. Seven acquisitions were reported within the engineering sector, three in packaging and distribution and two in both the electronics and the leisure spheres.

During the year Chesham has gathered information from buyers and sellers in more than 1,000 companies on their attitudes to current trading. The ten Chesham executives compiled a questionnaire which included questions such as whether there had been more prospective vendors. had been more prospective vendors because trading conditions had become more difficult, because profits had declined, because of lack of liquidity, or because life for the owner had become

because life for the owner had pecome more difficult.

The responses, say Chesham, showed caution on the part of businessmen, whether buying or celling. But there was no trace of anxiety from industrialists and trace of anxiety from industrialists. wishing to sell their companies in the present climate. However, the replies did indicate that prospective sellers are hold-ing on to their companies and waiting for recovery in the hope of a higher price. Margareta Pagano

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Fall at Countryside

Although turnover at Coun-

Although turnover at Countryside Properties rose from £12m to £14.5m for the year to September 30, pretax profits fell from £1.3m to £903,000, Interest took £932,000 against £641,000. Earnings a share eased from 20.7p to 13.6p while the dividend is held at 5p gross.

The board says that prospects for the current year are encouraging with reservations

and commercial property total-ling over £9m. This is the highest forward sales position vet achieved by the group. The level of profits, however, will much depend upon the timing

of the sale completions of com-mercial property schemes which are now forming a larger pro-

#### Discount Foreign exchange report market

Seasonal tax flow drained funds out of the system yesterday, the revenue intake exceeding by a large amount the disbursements large amount the disbursements

from the Exchequer. small figure for Treasury, Bill take-up. There were no plus items of any consequence. Today also promises to be a heavy day for tax payments. Home-Group Certais Authority.—Location of James Pices:

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**EMSCurrency Rates** 

Foreign exchange markets spent

Also against the market was a small figure for Treasury Bill ake-up. There were no plus items of any consequence. Today also promises to be a heavy day for The effective exchange rate

index ended 0.1 higher at 80.2, after 80.1 at mid-day and 80.2 at The dollar finished on a rathe mixed note against confinental currencies. German marks firmed from 2.0075 to 2.0060 and Swiss frants edged up from 1.8270 to 1.8252.

Airflow Streamlines: Temple Bar Investment Trust is no longer in-terested in 500,000 shares (7.86 per cent).

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## Other Markets

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New York, Jan 20.—The Stock market was caught in a downdraft circulating around the release of the American hostages and the inauguration of President Reagan and suffered its worst fall in more than five weeks in moderate trading. The D-J industrial average dropped 20.31 points, its biggest drop since December 8, and declines led advances three to one as volume expanded to 42,000,000 shares from 36,470,000 yesterday.

Experts said investors were disappointed that President Reagan's inaugural address was not more specific and they were also discourance of the transmission.

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Defence and oil stocks were two of the hardest hit groups and high technology issues were also weak. Analysts said some investors had hoped to hear Mr Regan talk about specific tax cut measures and delence spending plans.

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Among the oils, active Occidental Petroleum fell two to 312.

Mobil three to 782; Exxon 13 to 783, Texaco 13 to 441. Standard Oil Co of California 42 to 972, Superior Oil 94 to 1984 and Sedco 62 to 862.

In the defence group, Raytheon fell 21 to 1015, Litton Industries 3 to 791, Teledyne 43 to 1971. General Dynamics one to 372 and United Technologies 13 to 571.

Burroughs reported lower fourthquarter net and eased 3 to 493.

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In the last few days Jacksonops & Staff has been instructed



Overlooking the Clwyd Valley The Castle, Dyserth, has historical connexions dating back to Henry III. The asking price is £125,000.

to sell 9 Cheyne Walk, London, SW3, which runs along the embankment at the southerly tip of Chelsea.

Few details are available yet, but it is a substantial property,

not announced an asking price and Albert Bridge. for the 49-year lease, but says a substantial figure is being sought. The property enjoys south facing views over the river

on four floors. The agent has Thames towards Cadogan Pier

A clue to the sort of price such properties command comes with a flat which is for sale round the corner in Cheyne

Gardens, also for sale through Jackson-Stops. This is a penthouse flat with a master bedroom and two fur-ther bedrooms with an additional

bathroom. Not many flats in the area can boast a 32ft drawing room leading to a west facing

The agents say that the best London flats always fetch a premium price because for many people a light and spacious flat can have all the advantages of a house without the obvious disadvantages, such as security and maintenance problems.

Offers around £225,000 are being sought for the remainder of the flat's 46 year lease. This compares dramatically

with a third offering from the firm, a castle for £125,000, which is on the market through Jackson-Stops Chester office. The castle overlooks the Clwyd Valley at Dyserth,

Dating back to Henry III, Dyserth Castle originally was built in 1241 on a strategic hilltop fortified by a most and vallum. Although it sounds terribly grand the castle is not of

the windswept Scottish variety. It has seven bedrooms and three main reception rooms, and is set

in six acres of grounds. The original castle was destroyed by Prince Llewellyn of Gruffyd only 22 years after its construction and all that remains of its thirteenth-century links is

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Back in the south east, Knight Frank & Rutley is handling the sale of a house belonging to Mr Macdonald Hastings, the author and broadcaster.

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£165,000. Looking as though it should have a long history is the Thatched House on the Knott Park Estate at Oxshott village in Surrey. In fact although it has a genuine thatched roof and is constructed partly of mellow brick and timber, Thatched

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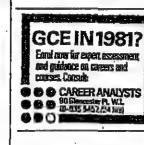
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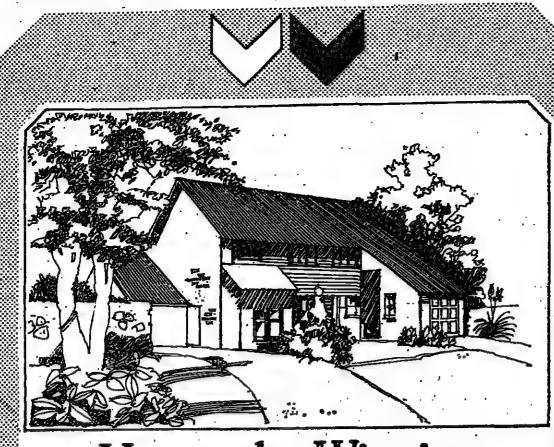
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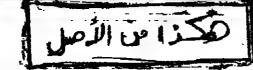
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predict a recovery in the com- still has an inflated idea of the ing year but in his annual value of his house. We have review Mr Andrew Tait. Direc- had people writing to us about tor General of the National houses which were badly built House Building Council-the and we knew that on the same consumer waichdog body- estate other people were trying detects a chink of light in the to sell for £80,000 houses ല്മാത്ഥ

much slower rate of 6 per cent cess is still going ou." while average earnings have rates are on the way down.

In his review he added: "The housing market is a a clever chap if I knew prepyramid. These changes will enable more first time buyers improvement but we might at the foot of the pyramid to begin to see one in the spring afford to buy. For new housing and early summer". the picture is further improved by the fact that many builders the NHBC has been the perforhalf of households which now ownership and where there comprise one or two persons ".

lous, whereas I think they will starts. be less worse. But I also think

The war years apart, 1980 was that part of the depression is the worst in more than 50 caused by the fact that everyyears for new housebuilding. one preaches gloom and doom.
We have to have a balanced With unemployment among view of things. We shall start construction workers reaching more houses this year than last record levels private housing thought still far fewer than we completions slumped to 120,000 shall see in 1982 unless there

96,000. And as the gloomiest With the high interest rates, year in memory went on, the average monthly mortgage housebuilding recession grew repayments were too high in According to Department of ulate the market and Environment statistics, encourage builders to put up total housing starts in the speculative developments, It months September- was this factor, together with November were 7 per cent too fast a rise in house prices lower than in the previous a year ago, which led to the

plots Mr Neil McIntosh, direc- point. That is not enough to tor of Shelter, was moved to make a decisive difference but say earlier this month: "In it does make some difference

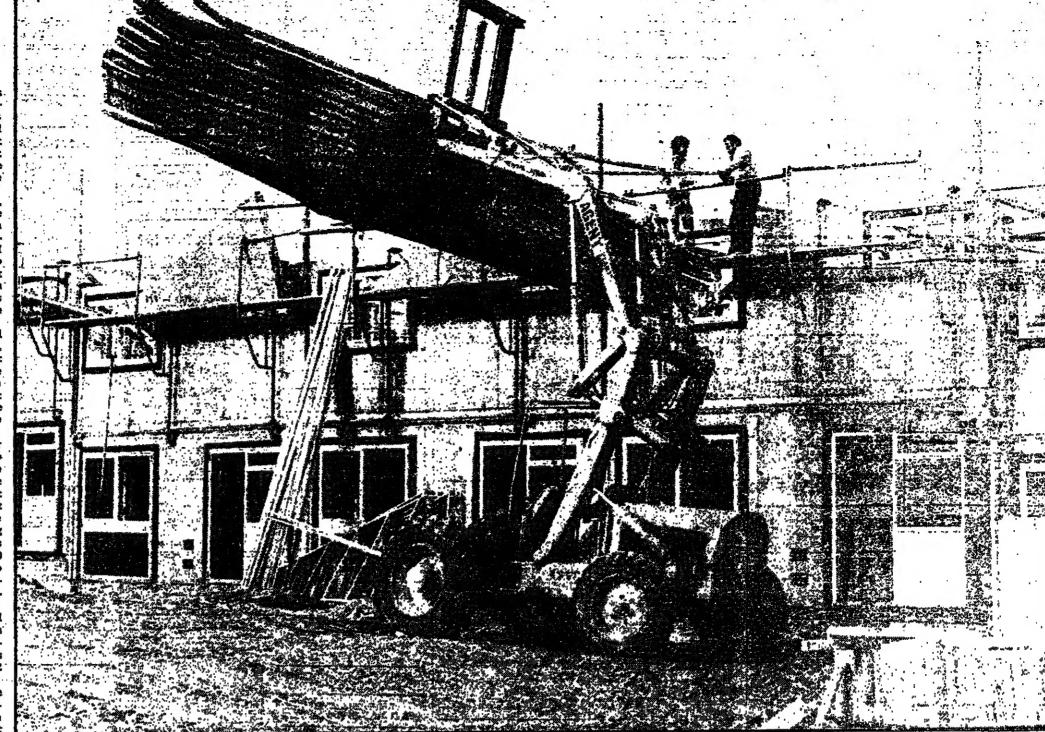
"The problem is the vendor It takes a brave man to in the second-hand market who which cost them £11,000 10 He gave three reasons why years ago. Sellers have had to 1981 should be a better year: go through a period of psychohouse prices have risen at a logical adjustment and the pro-

Times, Mr Tait said: "My new bomes were built in Scot- home builders. optimism might imply that I land last year, representing 9

relation to earnings to stim-

Speculative builders will increased at over 20 per cent only return when builders' in the past year; the average detect confidence in the mardeposit which first time buyers ket and Mr Tait believes this must pay has fallen; interest will ony be achieved by a 2 per cent drop in interest rates.

Mr Tait added: "I would be cisely when there might be an



cent of the total, the southper cent, the west 14 per cent, buoyancy. A large number of only building to order. have switched production to mance in Scotland, which does the north-east 17 per cent, and people haven't been able to the 96,000 starts, 9,000 were by sales. That is what has caused late summer or early autumu." 110,000. But the year after have been attempts to stim- Wimpey Homes who claim to the constipation in the system. Not everyone is as optimistic you will see the number of enterprising

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Particularly depressing to west 19 per cent, the east 16 that is the key to renewed was diminished and we were vency of building companies deals with builders to develop house exchange, or a moving-in but not optimistic about the for low cost ownership or half allowance—to induce pur-"We are hoping to see spec- number of starts this coming ownership. There has to be chasers to buy from them. starter units to cater for the not have a tradition of home the north-west 10 per cent. Of sell and that has held back ulative development again in year. It will be perhaps about some enterprise."

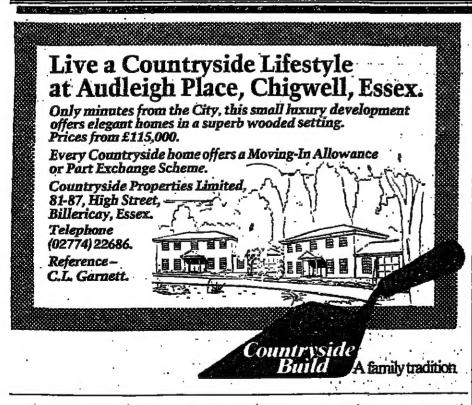
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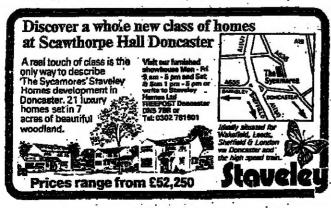
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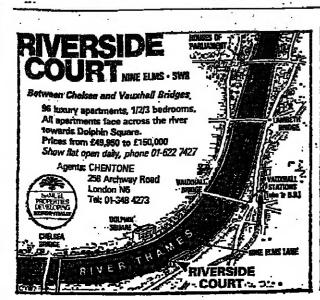
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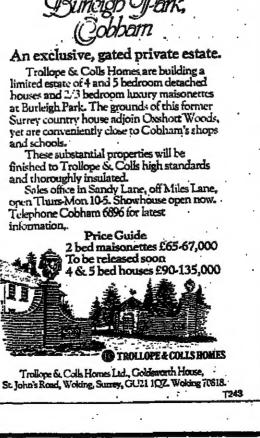








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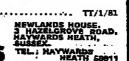
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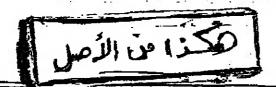
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I was, spiritually, never far from A. J. P. Taylor's side as he made his pilgrimage to the Lancashire of his youth in Edge of Britain (ITV, 10.30), never more so than when he halted at Blackpool (my birthplace) or some rock, a ride on a ram and a view from the upper circle of the Phoenis-like Grand Theatre. He makes a matter-of-fact guide; quietly affectionate about the old things and not a bit sentimental, as Betjeman would probably have been. Slightly boyish at times, though, as when he shows that he can still touch his nose with the tip of his tongue. He does not like the changes he finds in his native country, least of all the administrative ones, and he is waspish about a nuclear power station. • I was, spiritually, never far from A. J. P. Taylor's side as he

6 Movie Memories (ITV, 3.45 except Anglia) is a variation on the familiar theme of the film clips compilation. The idea is better than the execution of it. Roy Hudd, the soul of affability, elicits memories from film fans, shows a scene from the films in question, then conducts a star interview which, today, is with Jack Warner. In the event, the fans' reminiscences are inconsequential, and it is left to Mr Hudd bimself to tell the only worthwhile story, which is about the theft of an entire row of cinema seats during a performance. The fans in general look a glum lot. When, and if, they bestir themselves to assist Mr Hudd to recapture some of the excitement that to assist Mr Hudd to recapture some of the excitement that used to be a feature of cinemagoing, Movie Memories should make a pleasantly nostalgic afternoon's viewing.

Solution Powell's production of Sons and Lovers last week successfully cleared the first hurdles: it got the "feel" of the Nottinghamshire coalfields right, and the characterizations of Gertrude and Walter More right. Tonight (BBC 2, 9.25) brings another set of hurdles: the entry of Miriam and the re-entry, now in his early manhood, of Paul Getting Paul right, in particular, is going to be of vital importance in the weeks ahead.

 Music from two festivals on Radio 3 today, from last
 NESTE August's Edinburgh Festival and from Cardiff's festival, beld last December. The Scottish concert includes the Mahler No. 1

played by the New York Philharmonic under Mehta (8.25); the

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With Morph and The Tin Pots, 5.00 John Craven's Newsround: Junior newsreel. 5.05 The Strange Affair of Ade'aide Harris: Emer-

# TELEVISION s.35. 4.25 Jackanory: Pippa Guard reads part 3 of Nina Warner Hooke's A Donkey Called Paloma. 4.40 Take Hart: The wooderful world of Tony Hart. Clever draughtsman and likable chap. With Morph and The Tin Pors. 500 John Crange's Newscound.

BBC I 9.05 am For Schools, Colleges: Industrial forging; 9.35 Science: patterns of growth: 9.58 Let's Go with Brian Ris): 10.12 The Elephant and the Bad Baby; 10.30 Home Economics: Iats: 11.02 Science: sorting materials: 11.25 You and Mie: A Working Day. 11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Religious and moral electrons.

Religious and moral education : 12.05 pm Kontakte, Closedown at News. 1.00 Peoble Mill at

12.45 News. 1.00 Peoble Mill at One: Ian Lyon goes on a cruise and finds our why so many people choose this kind of holiday. Also a cookery item. 1.45 Trumpton: For the very young.
2.01 For Schools, Colleges: All about coats; 2.18 Snow and ice; 2.40 Read On; The First Person; 3.00 Speak for Yourself; Advice for those alraid in ask the GP 3.00 Speak for rounsen; for those afraid in ask the GP to visit someone who is sick, ar. to visit someone who is sick, at home (r).

3.25 Delia Smith's Cookery Course: How to make biscults, scones and crumpers (r). 3,55 Play School: Nick Wilson's story A22b-Tchool Also on BBC 2: at 11.00.
4.20 Laurel and Hardy: Cartoon.
Troin Strain. The two comedians.
appear in the flesh on BBC 2 at

10.20 am Gharbar : For Asian for children, and home hints. Closedown at 10.45.

BBC 2

THAMES

9.30 am For Schools: How a newspaper is made; 9.50 Making concepts come alive; 10.10 Back to the Victorian age; 10.35 The theme of working, in books; 11.05 All about cheese; 11.17 Our continental neighbours; 11.34 TV play: The Boy with the Transistor Radio.

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12.00 Cloppa Castle: Mediaeval puppet show, written by Anna Standon. 12.10 pm Rainbow: Shella Steafe! tells the story Charles Goes to the Office, by Ruth Alnsworth, while Peggy Burton's illustrations.
12.30 About Britain: SS Great Britain—Exactly as it Was: Wynford Vaughan-Thomas reivewent the restoration work that has been done to Brunel's iron ship: It has now reached the halfway mark.
1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Crown Count: The jury decides in the case in which a mother (Frances Cuka) is accused of assaulting a social worker (Elin Jenkins) (r).

talning serial about a boys' academy. W. 1 Freddie Jones and Jim Harris (r). 5.40 News with Angela Rippon. 5.55 Regional News Magazines and Extraordide. S.55 Regional News pagazines and Nationwide: 6.55 Triangle: Episode 6 of Luanshya Greer's romantic thriller about a shipping line. What is the real nature of the what is the real nature of the relationship between Katherine (Kate O'Mara) and Jeremy Gates? 7.20 After the Fox (1955) Forced comedy, directed without much subtlety by Vittorio de Sica. It's about a bullion robbery, Impressive enough cast—Peter Sellers, Victor Mature, Britt Ekland, Akim Tamiroff. Akim Tamiroff.

9.00 News with Kenneth Kendail.

9.25 Sportsnight: Borg and McEnroe are two of the eight tenus stars competing in the Volvo Grand Prix Masters Tournament, from Madison Square Garden Will Market Ma

ment, from Madison Square Gar-den, New York, Will it be another

sen, of Denmark. The commentary is provided by William Hartston. 6.50 Graperine: Self-help projects in Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Scotland project is in Dundee Women's Aid. The Uister project is in Omagh, and is designed to overcome the problems associated with the semi-rural nature of this area of Northern Ireland. The presenter is the former MP Helene Hayman. 7.20 News also weather forecast. 7.30 Travellers in Time: South with Shackleton. First in a new series of documentaries about Closedown at 10.45.

11.00 Flay School: Same as BBC
1. 3.55. Closedown at 11.25.
5.35 pm Laurel and Hardy: Titfor-Tat's (1935) Stanley and Oliver
who have an electricians' shop clash
violently with the next door
traders, a grocer and his wife.
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trocks. A sequel, in a way to Meanwhile, a finer depletes their stocks. A sequel, in a way, to Them That Hills, which had substantially the same cast. 5.55 Sixeteen Up: The choices open to 16 and 18-year-olds who lagve home, and how they can survive homelessness, difficult landlord and tenant relationships and the problem of managing a household. with Shackleton. First in a new series of documentaries about early exploration, introduced by Duncan Carse. This film deals with one of the greatest survival stories of all time—Sir Ernest Shackleton's voyage to the Antarcuc in 1914. The pictures were taken by the expedition's cameraman, Frank Hurley.

household, Hurley, 6.20 The Master Game: Third in 8.00 The Master Game: Part 3 the international chess tourna-ment for the Master Game trophy. It is between Tony Miles, of Great Britain (seven firsts in his last of Dame Margor Fonteyn's history of dance and dancers. She dances opposite Mikhail Baryshnikov in seven tournaments) and Bent Lar- Le Spectre de la Rose, Fokine's

great ballet recreated for the pro gramme in its original setting—the stage of the Opera House in Monte

series begins. A new angle on silming; interview with three people who use artificial means to get rid of excess food and are-therefore, suffering from the psychiatric illness called bulintia

nervota. The reporter is Peter Williams. 18.45 Parkinson: The mid-week

edition of his chat show. His quests are Professor J. K. Gal-braith, Omar Sharif and Botte Midler.

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9.00 M\*A\*S\*H: Korean war comedy series. Bj and Hawkeye go too far with their practical jokes. With Alan Alda and Mike Farrell.

9.25 Sons and Lovers: The second epicode of Trevor Griffiths's adaptation of D. H. Lawrence's novel about life in the Nortinghamshire coalfield. With Elleen Atkins and Tom Bell as the Morels, and Karl Johnson as Paul who tonight begins to take an interest in Johnson as Paul who tonight begins to take an interest in Miriam Leivers (Leonie Mellinger). Repeated on Saturday night, (See Personal Choice.) 10.20 God and the Scientist: New series. The world of six of Britain's most respected actentists who are Christians. Ronald Eyre interviews Antony Hewish, Professor of Radio Astronomy at Cambridge University, a former Nobel Prize winner.

10.45 Newspight: The day's news, plus detailed analysis of the main stories.

dreams sometimes come true.

3.45 Movie Memories: New series for film fans. Clips from old movies, plus viewers' memorics' of cinemagolng. Roy Hudd is the MC, and Jack Warner is interviewed. (See Personal Choice.) 4.15 Watch It! A Dr Snuggles story. 4.20 Runaround: Mike Reid is the MC in this quiz game. 4.45 Bremdon Chase: Serial about three brothers living in a forest. Today's they are hunted like wild animals. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm: Countryside serial. 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news. 5.25 Helpi Transport problems that beset the disabled, and how the disabled can improve facir mobility. 6.35 Crossroads: The motel serial. Arthur Brownlow's predicament.

7.00 This is Your Life: Eamoun. comedy impersonator.

his wife's presence.

10.00 News from ITN.

10.30 Edge of Britain: A Lapcashire Journey. The historian,
A. J. P. Taylor goes on a journey
back to the Lancashire that shaped
his early life—to Blackpool, Preston, Morecambe, Heysham and
Cartmel Priory, and to his birthplace, Birkdale, near Southport,
He finds much of it changed. (See
Personal Choice.)

13.30 Golf. The United States were. the restoration work that had been done to Brunel's iron ship; it has now reached the halfway mark.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 This is Your Life: Eamonn Andrews, his big red book, and another unsuspecting subject for superficial biography. 7.30 Coronalin the case in which a mother (Frances Cuka) is accused of assulting a social worker (Elin Jenkins) (r).

2.00 After Noon Pins: Wi-1 Mary Parkinson, Simon Reed.

2.45 Fantasy Island: Ricardo Monadhan in a silly American

11.30 Golf: The United States versus the rest of the world. Bill Rogers and Isao Aoki, who fought it out in the 1979 World Match Play Championship final are rematched on a course at north Berwick.

Karen Kay, singer Dave Blakely, Hans Moretti and Helga in their crossbow act, and Paul Squire, comedy impersonator.

9.00 Honky Tonk Heroes: Comedy about a South London club for country and western fans. With James Grout and Sheila Steafel. Tonight, a night-out at the club turns sour when one of the patrons meets an old flame—in his wife's presence.

18.00 News from TTN.

12.24 am Close: Christine Smith, who has muscular dystrophy, talks of things that brought her happi-

#### RADIO

2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Movement and Drama; Books, Plays, Poems (1): Nature. 11.90-11.30 Study on 4; iDigame!

Radio 3 10.00 News. 10.02 Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Daily Service. 5,35 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Boccherini, Bach, Haydn (Sym 25). 10.45 Stury : Dark Street, by Peter 8.00 News.

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3.25 New Music from Eire : Brom-head, Buckley, Victor: †
4.60 The Prelude, by Wordsworth

.25 Mozart and the Violin (3).†

Emmer.
11.60 News.
11.65 Exker's Dozen.
12.60 News.
12.62 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Frank Muir Goes Into 8.05 Records : Auber, Beethoven, Wagner.† 9.60 News. 9.65 Week's Composer: Dowland.† 9.40 Organ (Trotter): Bach, Alain, Anger.† 12.55 Wershor 12.35 Quartet (Eder): Brahms (Op 51 No 1).†
11.10 BBC Welsh SO/Boettcher, pt
1: Mendelssohn, Schumann (Pno Conc—Ohisson).† (See Personal 1.80 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers.

2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Play · Maintaining Standards,
by Peter Whalley.†
2.50 Through My Window.
4.00 Chorel Eversong.†
4.45 No Fond Return of Love (3).
5.03 PM.
5.55 Unarias. Choice.)
12.00 Interval reading.
12.05 pm BBCWSO,
Tchaikovsky (Sym 6).† Broadcasting Honse); Lilburn, H. Blake, Warlock.† 2.00 Music Weekly.† 2.50 Plano: Haydn, Chopin, 5 Weather.

Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing, 6.10 Farming Today, 6.30 Today, 7.00, 8.00 News, 7.30, 8.30 Headlines,

9.00 News. 9.05 Mid-Week.

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(5 Pieces). Mahler (Rückert
Songs.—J. Norman).†
8.05 The Eternal Husband (2).
8.25 NYPO. pt 2: Mahler (Sym
1).† (See Personal Choice.)
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sonal Choice.)
8.45 Amlysis.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 Old Took's Almanac.†
11.00 Lord lim (13).
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.

9.05 am Schools: Advanced Studies—English: Radio Thin King (1): La France Anjourd'bui (1): Poerry Corner: Music Makers; Something to Think About.

Radio 2

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10.30 Listen With Mother.

10.45-12.00 Schools: The Music Box; By the People, for Ale People; Casebook 81; Quest.

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5.00 am News, weather. 5.03 Bob Kilbey.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03 Jimmy Young.† 12.03 pm David

11.60 News. 11.05-11.15 Record : Ravel.+

Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 Listen to the Band.† 8.45 Alan Dell.† 9.15 Semprini Serenade.† 10.02 Tony's 10.30 Barry Took, 11.02 Briss Matthew. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night

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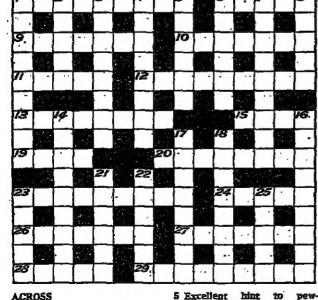
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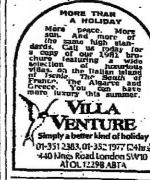
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